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HEALTH RISK OF RUBBISH PICK-UPS

Councils ignore MPs' concerns over your fortnightly bin bag collections

COUNCILS that collect rubbish once a fortnight say they have no plans to return to weekly pick-ups – despite a damning report by MPs.

There is no proof that fortnightly collections encourage more recycling, according to the House of Commons' local government committee.

It said the health risks of leaving rubbish in the street for longer needed to be studied in more detail.

By **JAMIE McGINNES**
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In Kent, including Bromley and Bexley, more than a third of councils have already switched to alternating collections, so household waste is taken one week and materials for recycling the next.

However, critics are concerned that leaving waste for up to two weeks increases the chances of it being targeted by vermin.

Across the UK, around 140 councils are carrying out fortnightly collections, in an attempt to reduce the amount of waste going into landfill.

The Commons committee described plans for £20 recycling rewards and charges as too "timid" and likely to

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Julie axed

EXCLUSIVE

THE popular presenter of BBC Radio Kent's afternoon show has been sensationally sacked after four years in the high-profile job, Kent on Sunday can reveal.

Bosses at the station's Tunbridge Wells headquarters told mother-of-two Julie Maddocks, who beat ovarian cancer last year, that her contract was not being renewed.

Angry colleagues were said to be "shocked" at the 43-year-old losing the show. One told KoS: "Julie is a real talent and very popular. She is absolutely devastated and it did not go down well with staff."

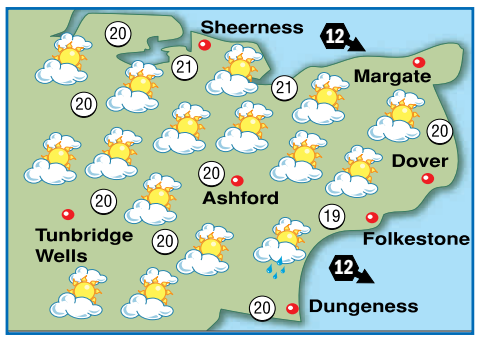
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TONIGHT: Cloud will thicken to bring patchy rain by dawn. Moderate southwesterly winds. Min temp 11-14C (52-57F).

Around Britain

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Belfast	cloudy	18	64	Liverpool	cloudy	20	68
Birmingham	cloudy	18	64	Manchester	rain	18	64
B'mouth	cloudy	19	66	Newcastle	rain	16	61
Bristol	cloudy	17	63	Norwich	showers	18	64
Cardiff	cloudy	19	66	Oxford	rain	19	66
Cork	rain	16	61	Southsea	cloudy	18	64
Edinburgh	cloudy	17	63	S'hampton	rain	18	64
Glasgow	cloudy	17	63	Southport	cloudy	20	68
Isle of Man	cloudy	16	61	Swansea	cloudy	18	64
Leeds	showers	16	61	Torquay	rain	17	63

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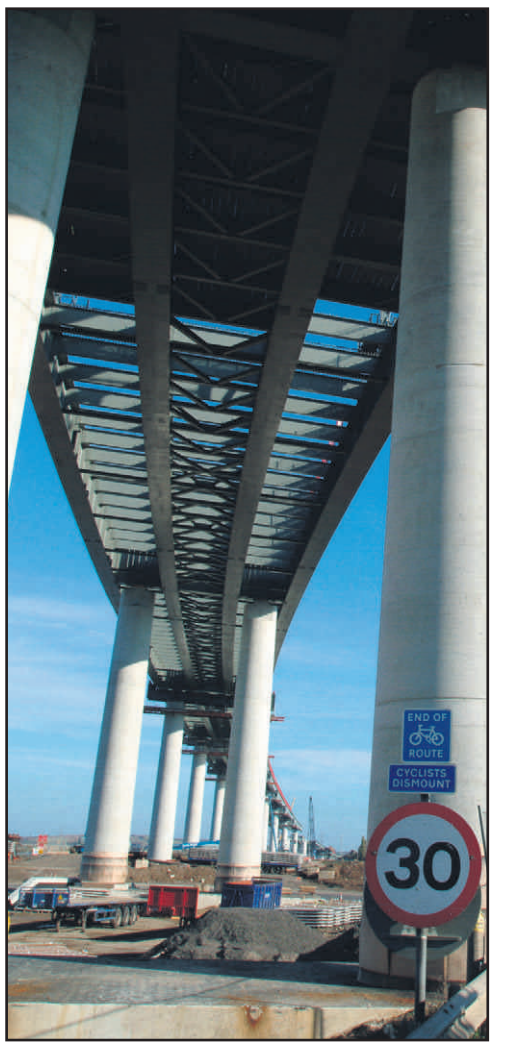
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St Mary's	10.41	4.4	23.01	4.4	11.35	4.2	–	–

Week ahead

monday Scattered showers max 17C min 12C
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wednesday Isolated showers max 20C min 13C
thursday Isolated showers max 20C min 13C
friday Isolated showers max 20C min 13C
saturday Isolated showers max 21C min 13C

Huge cost of PFI: can we pay it back?



VALUE FOR MONEY? Safety concerns were expressed over the £100m Sheppey bridge

By **JAMIE McGINNES**
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PRIVATE finance initiatives worth more than £525 million have been built or agreed in the last 10 years in Kent.

Figures obtained in Parliament by a Tory MP revealed PFI projects completed and under way around the UK since 1997.

They shed light on the billions of pounds being spent nationally on the controversial schemes.

During the last decade, figures from the Treasury show a total of £525.57m was committed to the capital cost alone of PFI projects in Kent, including Bromley and Bexley.

Jacqui Lait, the Conservative MP for Beckenham, said she was worried about the massive debt being racked up by PFI.

"I am seriously concerned about the impact on the whole of the UK economy of huge overhang of spending that not only requires to be paid back but obviously is being charged interest," she told Kent on Sunday.

Reckless

The MP said she feared PFI could lead to "exceedingly reckless over-spending" if the Government was not careful.

She added: "I don't have a problem with the investment, so long as we can actually afford to pay it back."

The £525m figure does not include running costs for projects and interest.

PFI was originally conceived by the Conservative Party under John Major but was embraced with gusto by Labour when it won power in 1997.

Under the schemes, private companies raise capital for public projects. The Government then repays the money over a period of time. Often the amount repaid is three times the original cost, like a mortgage.

Trade unions have argued that it is a form of privatisation by the back door and resent the fact that private firms are making huge profits at public expense.

Shareholders made a hefty £37m in less than three years from the PFI contract to build and maintain the Darent Valley Hospital in Dartford.

Safety

Other Kent PFI projects include the £100m Sheppey Crossing, which triggered safety concerns from the police when it was opened a year ago.

Corin Taylor, of the TaxPayers' Alliance, told KoS that PFI deals were not good value for money. "PFI comes at an enormous cost to taxpayers, which has to be paid back over many years," he said.

"While it has the potential to cut delays to building projects, some are more suited to PFI than others and it is worrying that so many have gone over-budget.

"Often this is because contracts aren't properly drawn up at the start and firms then make millions in refinancing deals when the spec changes."

But ministers say that PFI is the best way of delivering public projects quickly, and the scheme has been copied by governments around the world such as Brazil and Norway.

Former Health Secretary Alan Milburn famously dismissed criticism of PFI by saying it was "the only show in town".

Prime Minister Gordon Brown's announcement this month that he wanted to see three million new houses built by 2020 was seen as a boost for new PFI deals.

Gurkhas to storm Afghanistan

GURKHAS from Kent are to head out to war-torn Afghanistan.

Defence Secretary Des Browne announced on Thursday that troops from the 1st Battalion Royal Gurkha Rifles, based at Shorncliffe, Folkestone, would be deployed in October as part of 52 Infantry Brigade.

They will be part of a relief force replacing 12 Mechanised Brigade.

Mr Browne said there were likely to be some 7,800 British servicemen in Afghanistan by the end of the year.

The Gurkhas' deployment followed an announcement on Thursday morning that their pensions would be given a "significant" boost.

The decision, which will cost some £6 million a year, will benefit 26,500 Gurkha pensioners, most of whom live in Nepal.

Announcing the decision, Defence Minister Derek Twigg praised the reputation of Gurkhas, whose motto is "It is better to die than live like a coward".

Mr Twigg said: "The bravery and heroism of the Brigade of Gurkhas is world-renowned and they are fully deserving of this reputation.

"Their continued significant contribution to operations around the globe has been and will continue to be greatly appreciated."

More than 100 of the tough Nepalese soldiers returned to Kent from a gruelling six-month tour of Afghanistan last October.


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A hole lot of love

Golf ace Dani proposes on romantic holiday

By CHRIS BRITCHER
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SHE'S dazzled on courses around the world, making a name for herself in the hugely competitive world of professional women's golf.

But putting for glory on the 18th was nothing compared with popping the question to her childhood sweetheart as Danielle Masters proposed to her boyfriend on a romantic holiday in the Lake District.

The 24-year-old from Maidstone, who has turned heads on the Ladies European Tour with her looks as well as her undoubted talent, decided to fly in the face of tradition and ask partner Jon Thwaites to marry her.

The pair had first met on a blind date seven years ago. And not long after, they got engaged for the first time.

But after four years they split for 18 months.

And when they got back together again, Danielle vowed Jon would not have to ask her to marry him again.

Dani, a regular columnist for Kent on Sunday, told us: "It was a beautiful day with blue skies and we were sitting on a pier overlooking Ullswater.

"I had always said if we got down this road again and we wanted to get married he should not have to ask me twice to get engaged. So I asked him. He was absolutely gobsmacked – I don't think he was expecting it at all."

Dani was making her first trip to the Lake District just a day after she'd finished playing in the Ladies English Open at Chart Hills in Biddenden earlier this month.

She added: "I'd never been to the Lake District before, or been camping. So it was very romantic."

Jon, 25, who works in the IT section of Kent County Council, moved in with Dani at the end of last year, when the couple bought a home together in Maidstone.

And a blissfully happy Dani says she cannot wait to tie the knot. "We get on so well together. Even when we split up we remained the very best of friends," she said.

"He's used to seeing me travelling around the world and he's fine with that.

"We've grown up together and we still share the same interests. We both love going out on our mountain bikes, going to the cinema, playing video games and we get on so well."

The couple met on a blind date at an Indian restaurant in Maidstone and love blossomed soon after.

But don't expect the sweethearts to be clashing on the course – he's more interested in team sports.

Dani, who intends to keep her surname when they tie the knot, said: "He loves sport, but he's more interested in football or cricket. He finds golf very frustrating.

"He's got no real interest in playing it and no real knowledge of it. Which is great for me, as when I'm feeling down he can cheer me up by taking my mind off things."

Although no date has yet been set, the couple hope to get married at the end of next year – possibly in the Lake District.

Where else?





Picture: TRISTAN JONES/LET

SWING TIMES: Danielle Masters (above) proposed to Jonathan Thwaites on a trip to the Lake District (left). 'He was absolutely gobsmacked,' said Danielle.

DANIELLE MASTERS first picked up a golf club at the age of 10 and quickly became hooked on a sport which she started playing competitively by the time she was 13.

A double Kent county champion by the time she was 19, she made the Great Britain Curtis Cup team in 2004 – the amateur equivalent of the Ryder Cup – and in 2006 underlined her potential by qualifying for the lucrative Ladies European Tour.

Her rookie season was impressive and capped by a third-place finish at the Ladies English Open at Chart Hills in Biddenden. This year she looks set to climb the rankings.

BBC presenter is axed from show

BBC RADIO KENT has axed Julie Maddocks, the presenter of its afternoon show, Kent on Sunday can reveal.

The announcement was made at a staff meeting on Thursday. Our source said: "The station's acting managing editor Mark Hayman said the station needed a change and would be looking for someone new.

"It didn't go down well with staff and there were quite a few outspoken people.

"The station is supposed to be attracting more women, so why sack her?"

But Miss Maddocks, 43, declined to comment on the management decision. Instead, she spoke of the "amazing support" she had received from her colleagues during her 14 years at the BBC.

Privileged

Miss Maddocks last year revealed she had ovarian cancer. She had a hysterectomy and beat the disease.

The Kent-born presenter said it would be a "difficult day" when she had to say goodbye to her loyal listeners when her contract expired in three months.

"I will be really sad to leave – I will be leaving my family behind," she told KoS.

"I've had an amazing time at BBC Radio Kent. It's my home county and I have been thoroughly privileged to do this job as long as I have. It's been a great experience."

She said the audience for her show, which is broadcast from 1.30pm-4.30pm, had grown "significantly" during her time.

It is understood Miss Maddocks was not given a specific reason for the decision not to renew her contract. However, it is known that management wanted a "reshuffle" as part of a "change of strategy" for BBC Radio Kent.

The corporation, which has had a bad week following revelations that it cheated viewers of its flagship charity programmes, could now face a backlash from listeners over the sacking.

Mr Hayman said in a statement that Miss Maddocks had been a great asset to BBC Radio Kent.

"We know some listeners will be sad to hear that she won't be presenting the afternoon show after October," he said.

"While the decision regarding Julie's contract was not taken lightly, the refreshing of station line-ups is not new.

"We have to constantly assess whether what we are providing is what our listeners want and sometimes this leads to significant changes.

"Of course, as a valued member of the team, we hope Julie will continue to work on other projects for BBC Radio Kent."

The BBC has yet to appoint a replacement for the slot.

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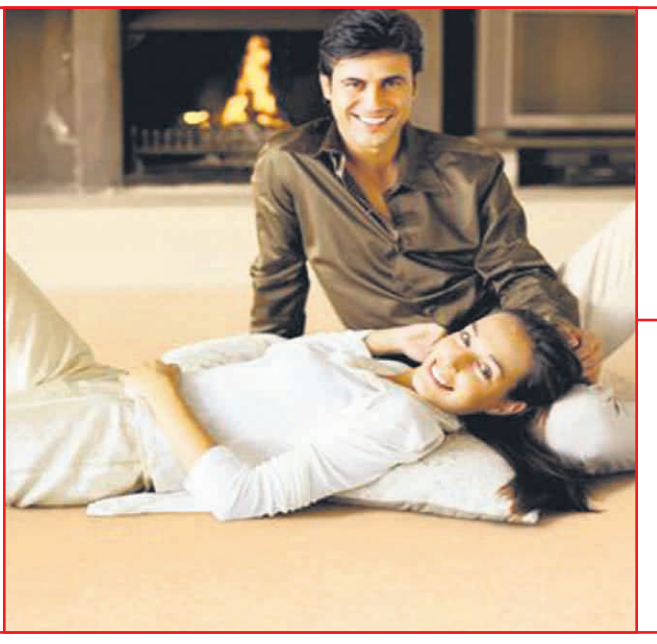
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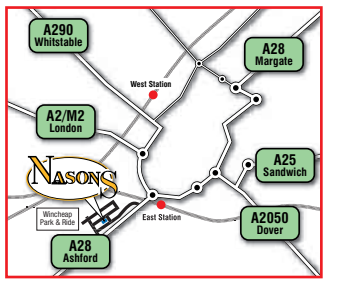
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IN THE BAG: Councils in Kent are split on the issue fortnightly rubbish collections

'Food waste causes the problems'

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encourage more fly-tipping.

MPs said that while the introduction of fortnightly rubbish collections was a matter for local choice, "alternative weekly collections are clearly not appropriate to all areas, particularly highly urban areas characterised by much shared accommodation".

Canterbury brought in alternate week collections in 2005 to increase recycling and the city council says it has been a success.

A spokesman said: "Recycling has increased and problems have been ironed out quickly.

"Of course the odd issue still crops up – you can't make 90,000 waste collections each week and not have the occasional problem – but things are generally going very well."

Swale Borough Council is in the process of switching and is currently rolling out blue bins for recyclable waste to residents.

Practicality

It expects the rate of recycling in Swale to increase from 15 per cent to more than 30 as a result.

But Bexley Council is among the Kent authorities rejecting the idea of fortnightly rubbish pick-ups.

A spokesman said: "Our view has always been that it is food waste that causes the most problems. We have introduced a separate weekly collection service for food and garden waste, which is turned into compost."

And a spokesman for Bromley Council said: "Fortnightly waste collections? Absolutely not."

Tonbridge Borough Council has been running alternating collections for more than seven years, but unlike many other authorities, continues to collect food waste each week.

The Local Government Association, which represents councils around the UK, has expressed concerns about alternate rubbish and recycling collections.

Cllr Paul Bettison, chairman of the LGA's environment board, said: "Separate and weekly food waste collection is desirable in principle but there are serious issues of cost and practicality."

He called on the Government, producers and retailers to work together to reduce the amount of food waste being thrown away.

COUNCILS THAT ALREADY HAVE FORTNIGHTLY COLLECTIONS

- Canterbury City Council
- Shepway District Council
- Swale Borough Council
- Thanet District Council*
- Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
- Tonbridge and Malling Borough**

*Of Thanet's 60,000 properties, 35,000 have weekly black bin bag collections and the other 25,000 have fortnightly pick-ups.

**Although it has switched to fortnightly waste collections, Tonbridge council still takes food waste each week

COUNCILS CONSIDERING CHANGING TO FORTNIGHTLY COLLECTIONS

- Dartford Borough Council

COUNCILS NOT CONSIDERING FORTNIGHTLY COLLECTIONS

- Ashford Borough Council
- Bexley Council
- Bromley Council
- Dover District Council
- Gravesham Borough Council
- Maidstone Borough Council
- Medway Council
- Sevenoaks District Council

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Praise for KOS Media newspaper and website expansion



ENTREPRENEURS: Professor Richard Scase

THOUSANDS of visitors flocked to the Kent's Future Live exhibition at the County Show in Detling last weekend.

KOS Media, publisher of Kent on Sunday and the Saturday Observer, organised the event which showcased regeneration projects across the county.

A conference for the main stakeholders involved in future development plans opened the exhibition with key speakers including Judith Armitt, chief executive of Thames Gateway.

Mrs Armitt spoke about how plans for 160,000 homes and 180,000 jobs were progressing.

Members of the business community and general public were given the chance to explore the range of stalls on display, which included representatives from the Environment Agency, Kent Wildlife, Medway Renaissance and Kent Thameside to name but a few.

KOS Media managing director Paul Stannard announced plans for the launch of online TV channels, local websites, and local newspapers, which will join the KoS family.

Leading academic Professor Richard Scase praised the plans.

He said it showed the kind of entrepreneurial and enterprising attitude needed for the future economic survival of the county.

KOS Media marketing director Richard Purvis said: "Kent's Future Live provided an excellent platform for the announcement of our future plans.

"The branding of the new products, due for launch in September this year, around the showground generated plenty of inquiries.

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The summer festivals aiming to put the county firmly back on the musical map

Rainfall doesn't dampen spirits

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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RAINDROPS the size of coins were falling – but revellers rocked on at the Lounge on the Farm festival.

To the sound of Alabama 3's funky tones of country and acid house music, the heavens opened last Sunday evening.

But co-organiser Matt Gough said: "Everyone kept on rocking – it added to the festival experience. Massive raindrops the size of 10p coins were coming down with thunder and lightning. It was the craziest storm I've ever seen."

Furry

Sunshine and storms marked the three-day festival but nothing dampened the spirits of the sell-out crowds who gathered to see a plethora of local and national acts including Super Furry Animals and The Bees.

"It was absolutely fantastic. You could tell by the looks on everyone's faces," said Mr Gough.

A total of 6,000 people attended the three-day festival at Merton Farm, near Canterbury.

"I think we surprised a lot of people this year. 2006 was very much a case of us finding our feet and this year we started showing people what we are capable of."



STINGING: The Bees rocked the crowd when they took to the main stage

He praised Canterbury-based band the On Lookers, who at only 14 and 15-years-old put in a stellar performance.

"Hats off to everyone. It is really about local bands coming together and putting on a show for everyone and they all rose to the occasion.

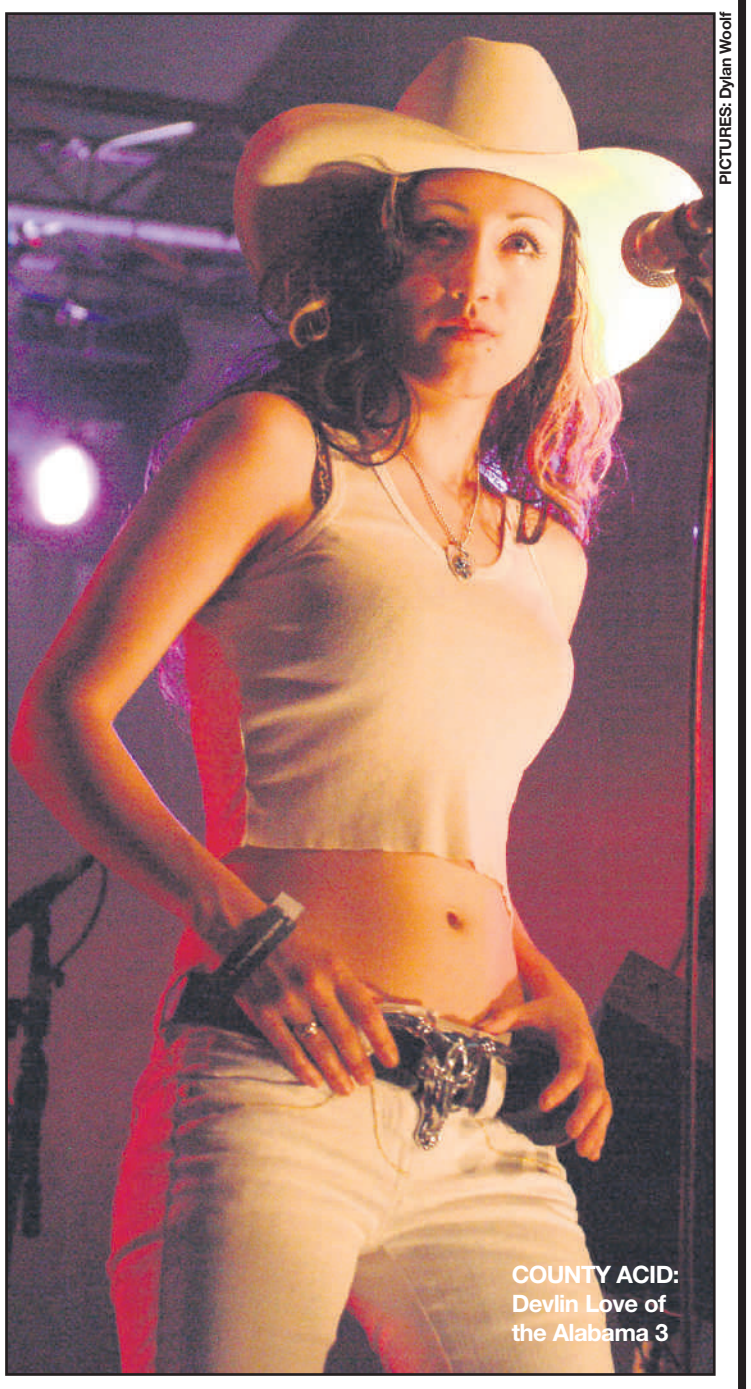
"People came from far and wide. It's nice to think we are putting Kent back on the musical map," Mr Gough said.

Festival-goers of all ages enjoyed music in a range of genres from hip hop to skinny-jeaned indie kids and locally sourced food and drink.

Mr Gough said he walked past a burger van and saw punks queuing behind pensioners.

He added: "It takes a bit of a special festival to be able to do that and we want to carry on doing it for the foreseeable future."

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COUNTY ACID: Devlin Love of the Alabama 3

Stars to light up festival's electric line-up of music

KENT'S second major music festival of the summer is on course to be a sell-out.

Seven out of 10 tickets have already been sold for Electric Gardens, which is taking place near Faversham in a fortnight's time.

It is into its second year after being established by promoter Marcus Wallis on his family's 800-acre estate at Mount Ephraim.

Jeff Gray, promotions manager for Maidstone-based ClubClass, is helping organise this year's two-day event.

He told Kent on Sunday: "All ages are welcome – whether you're six or 60.

"We really want people to bring the families down and make a weekend of it."

Electric Gardens takes its name from an event Pink Floyd played at in the early 1970s in Glasgow. The festival has room for up to 14,000 people over the weekend.

Around 60 bands and 40 DJs are preparing to play, including names like the Happy Mondays and Supergrass. Four of its acts were in the top 10 at the same time this month – Calvin Harris, Kate Nash, Jack Penate, and Reverend and the Makers.

Happy Mondays frontman Shaun Ryder, famous for his previous drinking and drug taking, was this week talking about his reformed lifestyle. The former hell raiser said: "Three pints and I'm in bed. It's called getting to 44 and still being alive."

Around 10,000 tickets were sold for last year's event, which only led to one drug-related arrest.

Chief Inspector Mark Chambers, Kent Police's borough commander for Swale, said: "I am confident that our partnership with the organisers will ensure a problem-free festival."

The festival takes place on Saturday and Sunday, August 4-5. For more information visit www.EGFEST.com.

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Catastrophic flood made us an island

A MASSIVE flood hundreds of thousands of years ago created the English Channel by sweeping away a range of hills.

Research into the Biblical-style deluge started more than 12 months ago. And this week scientists revealed their findings that a sudden onrush of water over a 24-hour period left what we know as Britain, cut off from mainland Europe.

The sonar study revealed the remains of a huge underwater valley running south west from Dover to France.

It is believed this is all that is left of a range of chalk hills which connected Kent to the Pas de Calais region more than 200,000 years ago.

The images reveal deep scars on the Channel bed that must have been cut by a sudden, massive discharge of water.

Scientists said the torrent probably came from a giant lake in what is now the North Sea.

Some event – perhaps an earthquake – caused the lake's rim to breach at the Dover Strait, they believe.

Dr Sanjeev Gupta, from Imperial College London, and colleagues said the discharge would have been one of the most significant mega-floods in recent history, and provides an explanation for Britain's island status.

"This event, or series of events, changed the course of Britain's history," Dr Gupta said. "If this hadn't happened, Britain would always have been a peninsula of Europe. There would have been no need for a Channel Tunnel and you could always have walked across from France into Britain, as early humans did prior to this event."



UP IN THE SKY: This NASA satellite image shows the English Channel from space

TV Channel trip backfires

TOP Gear star Jeremy Clarkson has managed to 'drive' across the Channel in a specially adapted 4x4 truck.

The stunt was the latest of the hit BBC TV show's challenges and saw his co-stars Richard Hammond and James May both fail in their bids to cross the world's busiest shipping lane.

Hammond, in a propeller powered VW camper van, sank and May's Triumph Herald equipped with a sail tipped over. Both had to be recovered from the sea.

But the team have come under fire from coastguards at Dover who labelled their antics "irresponsible" and criticised the trio for failing to check in regularly as requested.

Clarkson at the wheel of his white Nissan with a 225-horsepower outboard motor reached the French coast.

Joined by his two co-stars, the intrepid trio left the old hoverport at Dover's Western Docks for the Continent.

After reaching the beach they returned to the Kent coast by ferry.

One coastguard told Kent on Sunday: "I know everything Clarkson does is a stunt, but this was a bit much. They should have been checking in every hour but they didn't.

"I think it's totally irresponsible."

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SPECIAL REPORT Kent on Sunday asked the county's politicians when

MPs unsure over Iraq

By **JAMIE McGINNES**
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A MAJOR cross-party poll of county MPs by Kent on Sunday has shown there is no consensus on the way forward in Iraq.

Labour and Tory MPs agree that they want to see British soldiers leaving as soon as possible, but few have any hope that it can be achieved in the next 12 months.

The results of the poll will strengthen fears among the public and, in particular, families of servicemen in Iraq, that British forces could be bogged down in the country for many years to come.

It came as a report from a group of senior politicians called for UK forces to be pulled out as soon as local security forces are trained in Iraq.

Goals

Lord Ashdown, who chaired the Iraq Commission which carried out the report, said America and Britain had set "ridiculously over-ambitious" goals.

Foreign Secretary David Miliband responded by saying he did not want to "get into the prediction game" about an exit strategy.

Kent on Sunday asked county MPs when they thought British armed forces should leave Iraq and if it would be possible for them to go within 12 months.

Paul Clark, Labour MP for Gillingham and Rainham, said: "I don't think it's appropriate to set a timetable for the withdrawal of British troops.

"We should ensure that the security situation is stable enough for Iraqi forces to deal with before we withdraw our troops."

That was a view shared by Dr Howard Stoate, Labour MP for Dartford, who said: "I want them out as soon as possible, but only when the security situation in Iraq is stable enough to allow an orderly withdraw without a complete collapse into chaos."



STILL FIGHTING: British troops at the Shaibah War Memorial near Basra in Southern Iraq and (right) a soldier sets out on patrol

Derek Wyatt, Labour MP for Sittingbourne and Sheppey, said: "Having helped to create chaos we can't simply leave without a security base."

But Derek Conway, Tory MP for Old Bexley and Sidcup, said: "The Iraqi government has had six years to get a grip of things. There are now conflicting reports about whether their security services can handle what's going on.

"Their chief of security says 'yes', their prime minister says 'yes' some days and 'no' other days and I think now we've been there long enough."

Michael Howard, MP for Folkestone and Hythe, and former leader of the Conservative Party, said: "I don't think it's possible to put a timescale on it. There's a job that needs to be done. When that job has been done the troops should come home."

And Jonathan Shaw, MP for Chatham and Aylesford, who is Labour's most senior representative in Kent, said: "If you set a particular date then that's likely to be missed. It's about getting the conditions right, rather than an arbitrary timetable."

Timescale

Ann Widdecombe, Tory MP for Maidstone and The Weald, said: "It's no good saying they've got to be home by Christmas or within 12 months. We've got to get the job done and get them home as quickly as possible."

Julian Brazier, Tory MP for Canterbury and Whitstable – and a former Territorial Army officer for 13 years – said he thought a withdrawal within 12 months could happen.

"It should be possible to get down to a training mission only in that timescale, yes."

John Austin, Labour MP for Erith and Thamesmead – and co-chairman of the

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our troops should be withdrawn from the quagmire in Iraq. Here are their views

exit strategy

Council for the Advancement of Arab-British Understanding – said: "It's got to be an internationally-coordinated withdrawal."

He added: "We need to be out within months rather than years."

However, Michael Fallon, Tory MP for Sevenoaks, said during a recent visit to Syria as part of a parliamentary delegation, the country's President Bashar al-Assad had told him that a timescale of two years was more realistic.

"There would be chaos if they left tomorrow," said Mr Fallon.

And the former minister Dr Stephen Ladyman, Labour MP for South Thanet, said: "I'd be surprised if we were completely out within three years."

The MoD said 162 British servicemen and MoD civilian workers have died in Iraq since March 2003. According to the unofficial Iraq Body Count website, up to 74,013 civilians have been killed.

Although the vast majority of Kent MPs voted in support of the invasion of Iraq, many now feel that it was a mistake, not least because Saddam Hussein did not have any weapons of mass destruction.

A total of 19 out of 24 Kent, Bromley and Bexley MPs backed the invasion in a House of Commons vote on March 18, 2003.

Damian Green, Tory MP for Ashford, said: "We were right to go in, but it was wrong not to have planned better for the aftermath."

Other Kent MPs, including Faversham and Mid-Kent's Tory member, Hugh Robertson, agreed.

The tank commander in the 1990-91 Gulf War said: "It was certainly a mistake to invade without clear plans for the aftermath, but I don't think anybody expected it to turn out as badly as it has done."

Some Kent MPs said that the Iraq war had made Britain less safe and made it more of a target for terrorists.

Gwyn Prosser, Labour MP for Dover and Deal, said: "Because there's so much resentment over our presence there and because there's so much agony being suffered by the innocent local population, those young men who in the past were good and devout Muslims are now more easily led into the perverted form of Islam which turns out terrorists and murderers."

Mistake

Adam Holloway, Tory MP for Gravesham, was an Army officer in the Gulf War and reported on the invasion of Iraq in 2003 for ITN.

He said: "Most of the things we've done since September 11 have served to remove the huge reservoirs of goodwill that Britain and other countries had within the Middle East."

Roger Gale, Tory MP for North Thanet: "What we and the Americans have done is probably to provide the best recruiting sergeant to the extremists that we could have given them. We've given them a cause for which people are prepared to martyr themselves for."

However, Jacqui Lait, Tory MP for Beckenham, disagreed. She said: "Terrorism by Islamists was going to happen anyway. It had happened before Iraq when they attacked the Twin Towers."

And Bob Neill, Tory MP for Bromley and Chislehurst, said: "I believe we would still face a significant terrorist threat even if we hadn't invaded Iraq."

Greg Clark, Tory MP for Tunbridge Wells, and David Evennett, Tory MP for Bexleyheath and Crayford, said they did not want to comment.

War hero Colonel Tim Collins condemned a "lack of leadership" for the Government's failure to come up with an exit strategy for Iraq.

Col Collins, who is now retired from the Army and lives in Whitstable, told KoS: "The lack of leadership on foreign policy means no-one has any idea what the intention is or what we'd like to happen.

"Nobody has any idea even what we'd like to see Iraq like. There is just no foreign policy – it's a dangerous vacuum."

He claimed that weak opposition in Parliament meant there was no incentive for the Government to come up with withdrawal plans.

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HOW MPs VOTED ON WAR IN IRAQ ON MARCH 18, 2003



Jonathan Shaw



Gwyn Prosser

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Jonathan Shaw (Chatham and Aylesford)
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Dr Howard Stoate (Dartford)
Ann Widdecombe (Maidstone & The Weald)

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Ton of ale

MORE than 100 real ales and ciders were available at this year's Kent Beer Festival.

Some 6,000 real ale fans were expected to come to the event, which started on Thursday and ended yesterday at Merton Farm, near Canterbury.

Gill Keay, from Canterbury, has organised all 33 Kent Beer Festivals. She said: "The Kent Beer Festival is an important part of the summer to our many regulars and tourists."

Saddled up

HORSE trials are taking place in the grounds of Chilham Castle.

Dressage, show-jumping and cross-country challenges will take place at Chilham Park, near Canterbury, on Sunday, August 5.

Admission is £5 per car. Food and drink will be on sale and there will be trade stands and a beer trailer. All dogs must be kept on leads.

Hip service

A MAYOR is recovering at home after breaking her hip in a fall in France.

Cllr Pat Oakeshott, 77, Mayor of Gravesham, has made a short DVD to give to groups for events she is unable to visit because of her injury.

In it, she says how sorry she was to miss the Tour de France.



JUST DESERTS: KCC leader Paul Carter (inset) and his co-driver companion, property developer Vincent Fairclough, are out on the open road

It's Paris or bust!

KCC leader takes on aristocrats' challenge

HIS classic Bentley's windscreen was smashed with stones thrown by youths in Mongolia, he narrowly escaped a sandstorm in the Gobi Desert and for days he saw little more life than a camel or nomad on horseback.

By **JAMIE McGINNES**
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Paul Carter's experience of the Peking to Paris Motor Challenge 2007 was very different to his day job of running Britain's largest shire council.

The leader of Kent County Council set off for Paris from Beijing's Tiananmen Square in China in May. He spent five weeks covering 8,000 miles in a 1936 Bentley Derby 4.25.

He and co-driver Vincent Fairclough, a director of housebuilder Harrow Estates, travelled through countries such as Siberia, Russia, Estonia and Lithuania, doing more than 400km on most days.

They were retracing the route taken by a handful of European aristocrats in 1907.

Cllr Carter, 52, who regularly races classic cars, said they began driving at about 7am on most days and would reach camp at about 7pm, only to face two hours of maintenance on the car. They had six rest days.

The most difficult part of the rally was across the barren Gobi Desert, which is in Mongolia and China. The pair drove at up to 80mph on dirt tracks for a 74km stretch of the desert.

"It was an hour and 35 minutes of total concentration, as fast as you can go, making sure you were picking the right terrain that didn't end up in disaster," said Cllr Carter.

"A lot of cars had irreparable chassis damage. We were lucky – we got to camp and the car was OK."

And shortly after finishing the desert stage, a sandstorm began sweeping through the area.

However, they were less fortunate in a Mongolian village, where a group of youths hurled stones at the car, smashing the windscreen.

"These things happen," said Cllr Carter, who emphasised that the vast majority of people they met on their travels were hospitable.

He and his co-driver finished third overall in the pre-1941 model cars category, ahead of more than 70 other cars.

It was the result of more than three years of planning, and Cllr Carter said he would like to enter a similar contest in the future.

Cllr Carter and Mr Fairclough have raised more than £15,000 for charity.

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Ratings obsession 'led to BBC crisis'

THE BBC's "ruthless pursuit" of greater audiences has led to its crisis in public trust, according to a Kent media commentator.

The corporation is facing its biggest-ever scandal after admitting it deceived viewers of its flagship programmes.

Children in Need, Comic Relief and Sport Relief all featured fake competition winners, the BBC said.

The revelation came after the BBC's apology to the Queen, for broadcasting misleading footage that cast her in a bad light.

The corporation was also fined £50,000 last week for falsifying the results of a Blue Peter competition.

Tim Luckhurst, Professor of Journalism at the University of Kent, said the corporation's "ruthless pursuit" of bigger audiences had spectacularly backfired.

He blamed BBC executives for failing to reign in ambitious young producers who made programmes without applying the broadcaster's long-standing ethical standards.

Mr Luckhurst said Director General Mark Thompson and his team had placed such priority on ratings that many producers believed the end justified the means if it resulted in higher viewing figures.

"Desperate to secure the future of the licence fee, the BBC has gone downmarket in a bid to beat commercial competitors at their own game," said Mr Luckhurst, a former BBC correspondent and newspaper executive.

"Sadly, the gold standard of quality has been diluted. Yes, the BBC still makes some excellent television. That is why it is worth saving. But it also makes more bad programmes than ever before and, in doing so, risks the very licence fee that the dumbing-down is designed to protect."

The BBC Trust, which oversees the corporation, said it was "deeply concerned that significant failures of control and compliance within the BBC have compromised the BBC's values of accuracy and honesty".

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Massive rise in the use of kids' 'chemical cosh'

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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NEW figures show a large increase in the number of prescriptions for controversial drugs, known as "kiddie cocaine", being given to children.

The drugs are used to treat the Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) condition and are known to cause worrying side effects from nervousness to aggression.

According to figures released under the Freedom of Information Act, the amount of ADHD drugs being prescribed to Kent children has increased by 14 per cent in the last year.

The NHS in Kent said it followed the recommendations of the National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE) when prescribing ADHD drugs, which are sometimes known a the "chemical cosh".

One of the recommended drugs is methylphenidate hydrochloride, better known by its brand name Ritalin, which can cause a range of side effects from loss of appetite and restlessness to hallucinations and psychosis.

The institute is currently reviewing its recommendations, with a report due in a year's time.

NICE documents note the use of stimulants to treat children has proved controversial and that prescriptions across the country have



DRUGGED: Ritalin use has rocketed

risen from 220,000 in 1998 – costing the NHS £5 million – to 418,300 in 2004, costing £13m.

More than £876,000 was spent in Kent on the drugs last year.

Eastern and Coastal Kent Primary Care Trust (PCT) increased its ADHD drug prescriptions by 5,072 last year – nearly double the amount.

The NHS Business Services Authority confirmed the figure, although it has been disputed by the trust.

The PCT said it only gave out 806 more prescriptions last year, which represents an increase of 12 per cent.

A spokesman said: "It is difficult to speculate the reason for any increase in a prescription rate but some ADHD drugs are 'controlled' which means the number that can be given in any single prescription is limited to 28 each time, so more prescriptions may be needed to meet the demand."

The drugs "do incur side effects for some people" and doctors discuss these with parents so an informed decision can be made, he said.

West Kent PCT showed a similar trend with doctors writing 1,108 more prescriptions.

Pseudo-science

The figures were obtained by the Citizens Commission on Human Rights, an anti-psychiatry group sponsored by the controversial Church of Scientology.

The commission has been severely critical of current ADHD treatment and has called into question the disorder's existence.

It has also campaigned against the use of the drug, Prozac.

Scientology, based on the works of science fiction writer, L Ron Hubbard, is against the use of drugs to treat mental problems.

In 2005, the leading Scientologist, Tom Cruise described psychiatry as a pseudo-science and criticised Brooke Shields for using anti-depressant drugs to treat her post-natal depression.

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The unbreakable bonds with our premature baby

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AS HE BOUNCES around on furniture it is hard to imagine that when toddler Benjamin was born he weighed only 2.6 pounds and was smaller than his father's hand.

The 20-month-old from East Malling, like one in eight babies in the UK, was born prematurely.

Advances in technology mean hospitals are equipped to give babies like Benjamin the best possible chances of survival.

But research by premature baby charity Bliss has shown it is often difficult for parents to bond with their babies and this can have a long-lasting effect on their relationship with their new arrival.

Awareness

Luckily, Benjamin's parents Alan and Zoe Newton were able to become physically close with him even as he spent three weeks in an incubator.

Mr Newton has shared the traumatic experience of his son's birth and recovery at Maidstone Hospital to generate awareness about the problems parents of premature babies can face.

The 29-year-old, who works in IT for a London record label, told how when Benjamin was born by caesarean at 31 weeks he was "scarily tiny".

He said: "His whole hand could barely reach around my little finger. But he was so perfect."

It was a terrifying time but from early on Mrs Newton, a 30-year-old teacher, was given opportunities to be with her child.

"After Zoe was stitched up she was taken to the special care unit and she managed to have a quick cuddle with him.

"And the nurses took picture of him so she could have them by her bed," Mr Newton said.

He praised the "amazing" work of the doctors and nurses, who encouraged the couple to change their son's nappy, wash and feed him where possible.

"It was hard but I am sure if we had not had the chance of bonding as we did it would have been difficult, especially for Zoe," he said.

Mr Newton explained how his wife also used a technique called 'kangaroo care'.





BUNDLE OF JOY: The Newtons on Christmas Day in 2005, two days after coming home from hospital (above), and Benjamin today, a happy and healthy toddler

He said: "Zoe would pop him down her top and put him on her heart, which really helps them get better quicker and always stopped him crying. I don't know why it helped exactly but I suppose he got used to the heartbeat while he was inside her."

Bliss has now teamed up with Fairy Non Bio and launched the Support 1 in 8 campaign, which aims to raise awareness about the bonding techniques available to parents of special care babies.

Asked why not all parents get as close to their child as he and his wife did, Mr Newton said: "Different hospitals have different thoughts on how much parents can do.

"Parents are worried about how delicate their baby is don't want to be in the way but bonding in the early stages is vital."

He said parents should ask staff if they can feed and change their baby if the opportunity is not offered.

The stress and challenges of a premature baby has left the couple frightened to try for a second child but they have not ruled it out completely.

And Mr Newton said they have enough on their hands with Benjamin, who is now doing well.

"He is very adventurous and likes climbing all over the sofas. Unless he's poorly, he always has a smile on his face," he added.

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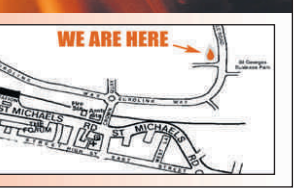
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World's worst bank robber

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AN INCOMPETENT bank robber has been jailed for nine-and-a-half years after a string of idiotic mistakes.

Terence Cole's spree of shambolic raids finally came to a sorry end after he wagged his finger at a terrified bank clerk – leaving behind his fingerprint on her protective screen.

The 50-year-old, who was jailed by a judge at Maidstone Crown Court this week, was doomed from the start.

He had constructed an elaborate disguise to obscure his face, but blew his cover on all five jobs by completing the outfit with a fluorescent yellow high visibility jacket, normally worn by workers to stand out in the dark.

Cole's first bungle came when he raided Lloyds TSB in Chatham on December 5 last year.

He got the first part correct – demanding "Give me all the money" – but as he slapped his empty swag bag on the counter, a scarf covering his face fell down and he ran off empty-handed.

Mistake

Ten days later, on December 15, there was another raid – and another mistake – for Cole.

He hit the Halifax in nearby Strood to demand money from a cashier, but fled empty-handed after Carly Glover, a brave cashier, activated a security screen which slammed down sending bank notes and leaflets flying into the air.

The security screen also trapped Cole's bag, which he had to leave behind.

The only thing Cole managed to do right was get out of the bank before the teller could hit the automatic door lock system.

But his biggest mistake was yet to come.

On the same day as the previous raid, Cole stormed into the neighbouring Nationwide building society in Strood and could not resist wagging his digit at the cashier as he warned: "You better not lock me in."



JAILED: Hold-up artist Terence Cole, 50

As he wagged he finger he touched the protective screen, leaving his dab as evidence for police who caught him after entering his fingerprint onto the police computer which had details of four previous bank robberies which he was jailed for in the 1990s.

Cole, from Chatham, raided two other banks before Christmas, stealing nearly £8,000.

Soon after, he was arrested, wearing his high-visibility jacket, as he stood outside the Chelsea Building Society in Strood planning his next robbery.

Judge Michael Lawson told Cole: "You have four previous convictions for robbery, all in the 1990s. You terrified cashiers on those occasions and you terrified cashiers on these occasions."

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Town halls 'get the last word on quango's plans'

LOCAL councils will have the final say on plans put forward by the South East England Development Agency (Seeda), according to a government minister.

Jonathan Shaw, Labour MP for Chatham and Aylesford – and Minister for the South East – was answering criticism about powers being handed to Seeda.

It is gaining the planning powers lost by the South East England Regional Assembly, an unelected quango, which is being scrapped.

Seera will be phased out by 2010, but the move was attacked because Seeda is also an unelected quango.

Mr Shaw said Seeda will be accountable: "Seeda's plans will have to be approved by councils and that's wholly desirable."

The way in which councils would decide upon any proposals put forward by Seeda was up to them, said the MP.

Cllr Keith Mitchell, Seera's chairman, attacked the Government for getting rid of the body. He said ministers were transferring the power to development agencies to bypass councils' opposition to their building plans for the South East. Seera is made up of 112 members, including elected councillors nominated by local authorities.

A MOTORCYCLING charity has launched an appeal for riders to drive more safely following a spate of fatalities. East Kent Advanced Motorcyclists (EKAM) has called for drivers to take the tuition and tests the organisation offers. A 26-year-old motorcyclist was killed after colliding with a car in Greenhithe last Thursday and the following day a 25-year-old rider died in Aylesford after crashing with a van. EKAM promotions co-ordinator Paul Ritchley said: "There have been so many fatalities and we are very concerned." Details on 01634 725 904.

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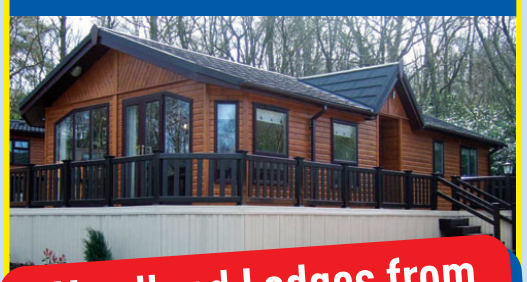
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Become a big beast of commerce

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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WANT to be king of the jungle in the business world?

Now you can, with a new course that gives businessmen and women the chance to interact with gorillas, big cats and rhinos.

Corporate men and women can improve their "emotional intelligence" and leadership skills, according to the founders of the training course.

Former Ticketmaster director Spencer Phillips, his wife, Mandy Cresswell-Phillips and Belinda Wakeling are behind the 23Twelve Development Experience.

Working with the Aspinall Foundation and Port Lympne wild animal park, the course encourages top business people to learn from the way animals communicate.

They must leave behind their Blackberry phones, executive cars and comfort zones for the duration of the two-day course.

Buzzword

Mr Phillips said the ability to communicate with colleagues and other employees is often overlooked in business at a senior level.

Learning from the animals and their keepers, helps people become better managers and leaders, he said.

"Gorillas are a great example because they rarely fight or lose their temper. They understand about showing respect, which helps people think more and understand what is going on around them," he said.

The training is about empathy but also teamwork, said Mr Phillips.

A range of wild animals, including rhinos and big cats, are used. Delegates work with the keepers observing feeding times and the keepers explain the behaviour of the animals.

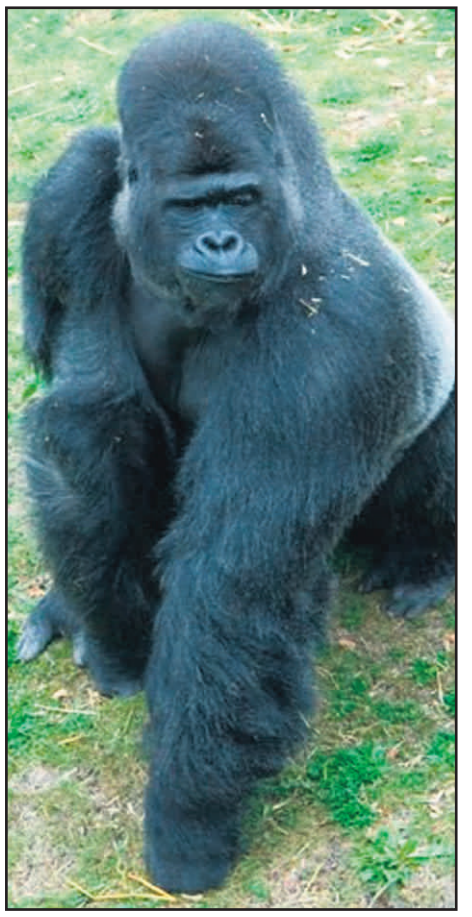
The training exercise at Port Lympne is designed to improve "emotional intelligence" – the ability to perceive, assess and manage the emotions of others and the current buzzword floating around the HR departments of companies worldwide.

"Some people do not have the ability to empathise or read body language," Mrs Cresswell-Phillips said.

By combining training techniques with looking at how animals communicate, emotional intelligence can be improved, she said.

The company is in its infancy but Mr Phillips said trial runs have gone well and they are in the process of taking bookings.

"Even overseas companies are interested. It has really captured people's imaginations, it is unique," he said.



The idea for the course sprang from Mr Phillips' lifelong love of gorillas.

After the couple moved to Boughton Aluph, near Ashford, three years ago, he would spend hours at Port Lympne watching the magnificent primates.

Mr Phillips said: "When you spend an awful lot of time there you see an amazing bond between the keepers and their animals.

"Obviously they don't speak but they display the body language we do.

"They live in family groups with a hierarchy – for instance the male silverback gorilla always eats first."

The course costs £1,115 and a percentage is donated to the Aspinall Foundation.

The foundation helps protect endangered animals around the world and supports returning them to their natural habitats.

23Twelve runs a range of training programmes at other venues. Call 01233 643 030 or email info@23twelve.com.

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TRAINING DAY: Spencer Phillips and his wife Mandy Cresswell-Phillips

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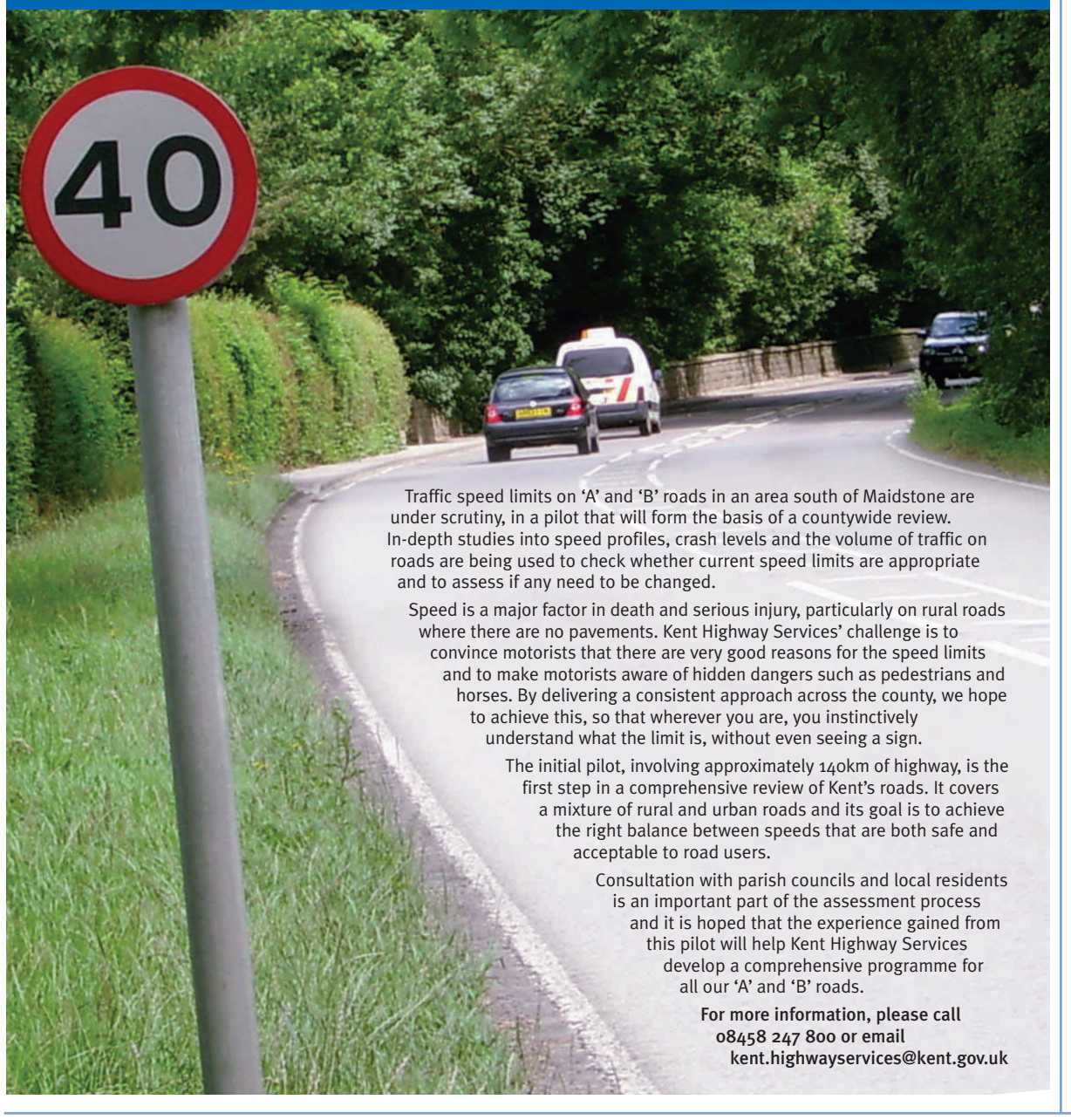
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Speed limits under review



Traffic speed limits on 'A' and 'B' roads in an area south of Maidstone are under scrutiny, in a pilot that will form the basis of a countywide review. In-depth studies into speed profiles, crash levels and the volume of traffic on roads are being used to check whether current speed limits are appropriate and to assess if any need to be changed.

Speed is a major factor in death and serious injury, particularly on rural roads where there are no pavements. Kent Highway Services' challenge is to convince motorists that there are very good reasons for the speed limits and to make motorists aware of hidden dangers such as pedestrians and horses. By delivering a consistent approach across the county, we hope to achieve this, so that wherever you are, you instinctively understand what the limit is, without even seeing a sign.

The initial pilot, involving approximately 140km of highway, is the first step in a comprehensive review of Kent's roads. It covers a mixture of rural and urban roads and its goal is to achieve the right balance between speeds that are both safe and acceptable to road users.

Consultation with parish councils and local residents is an important part of the assessment process and it is hoped that the experience gained from this pilot will help Kent Highway Services develop a comprehensive programme for all our 'A' and 'B' roads.

For more information, please call 08458 247 800 or email kent.highwayservices@kent.gov.uk

Le Tour de triomphe!



The first stage of the Tour de France, which passed through Kent on Sunday 8 July, proved to be a Tour de Force for Kent Highway Services.

Two million people turned out to line the streets and cheer on the riders which was the best possible result for the behind-the-scenes team, who spent more than a year preparing for the big day.

In glorious sunshine, Kent looked great, as aerial pictures of packed Wealden villages and the colourful throng of spectators at Canterbury's thrilling finish, were beamed to a world-wide TV audience.

But this could not have happened without the dedicated work of a team of over 4,000 people including staff from Kent Highway Services who managed the traffic and crowds along the route, in co-operation with Kent Police and other District and Borough councils.

Having confirmed the route with the French organisers well in advance, the highway team swung into action to prepare the way in the weeks leading up to the race. This involved the mammoth task of putting out 60 kilometres of safety barriers to protect the crowds, 3,000 hay bales to protect the riders, 10,000 traffic cones, and 8,000 traffic and information signs.

Kent Highways Services had a mammoth task of arranging the closure of more than 150 miles of Kent's roads and about 1,300 junctions to enable Le Tour to pass through safely. This was a real logistical challenge to make sure residents and businesses were aware of what was going on and to ensure the tour passed without any problems. The back-up services were staggering, with more than 100 coaches ferrying staff around, communication systems to keep everyone informed, as well as first aid facilities and suitable plans in case of an emergency. Kent Highway Services took on extra staff in the Contact Centre, who dealt with more than 7,500 calls over the weekend, 87% of which were dealt with directly.

Kent Highway Services, together with Canterbury City Council, was also involved in preparing the Stage One finish area. Robbie McEwen, the winner of the day's race, said that he had never seen crowds like the ones he had seen that day!

So, it was all worth it! While the French organisers have said that this was one of the best race stages in its history, for the people of Kent and the many visitors, this was a great day out.

Travel Update

Kent Highway Services

Below are roadworks and events that may cause some disruptions. Please remember that these are planned works and other emergency works may be required.

Tonbridge & Malling

Start	Finish	Road	Reason
Current	27-Jul-07	Forstal Road, Aylesford	Traffic lights - new water mains

Tunbridge Wells

Start	Finish	Road	Reason
Current	03-Aug-07	Golford Road, Cranbrook	Road closed – new water mains

Dartford

Start	Finish	Road	Reason
28-Jul-07	29-Jul-07	Main Road, Hextable	Road closed – resurfacing works

Thanet

Start	Finish	Road	Reason
29-Jul-07	29-Jul-07	Ramsgate – Various	Road closures for Carnival

Sevenoaks

Start	Finish	Road	Reason
30-Jul-07	13-Aug-07	Brittains Lane, Sevenoaks	Road closed - telecoms works

Freedom!

More than 3,000 students have already signed up for the Kent Freedom Pass, a Kent County Council initiative currently being trialled in Canterbury, Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells. For a one-off cost of £50, youngsters aged between 11 and 16 years old can receive a photo-pass, allowing them to travel anywhere, at any time, on scheduled bus services in Kent.

The scheme was developed following discussions with young people, who felt that opening up travel possibilities would have a positive impact on their lives. It is also a radical attempt to do something positive about congestion, especially during the daily 'school run'. If the trial is successful, the scheme may be extended across the county.

This pioneering trial is one of the first such schemes in England and is already enhancing the lives of young people in the pilot areas by improving their mobility, independence and access to leisure facilities.

For more information, please call 08458 247 800 or email kentfreedompass@kent.gov.uk



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Serial rebel quits Labour benches

By **PETER BOYES**
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ONE of Tony Blair's most outspoken critics is to stand down as a Member of Parliament.

The maverick backbencher Bob Marshall-Andrews, a leftwing QC, made the announcement on Wednesday after writing to the chairman of the Medway Labour Party.

The 63-year-old admitted his time at Westminster had not been "entirely calm" – a reference to his persistent criticism of Mr Blair over Iraq and what he saw as the curtailment of this country's historic civil liberties.

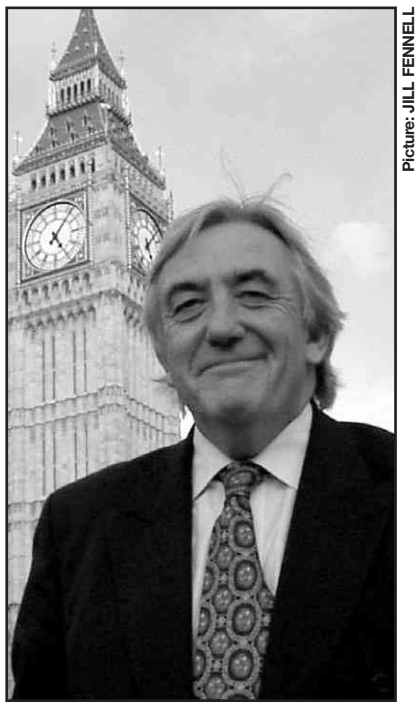
He said: "Whilst I have supported the majority of the Government's programmes and initiatives – particularly in relation to the economy and public service – I have also strongly opposed other attempted legislation.

"Overwhelmingly this has concerned civil liberty and, of course, Iraq."

Figures show he has rebelled against the Government 134 times since 2001, often attracting the ire of fellow Labour MPs. In November, 2005, he nearly came to blows with Labour MP Jim Dowd in the Commons lobby on the evening of a debate on controversial terror legislation.

In his letter to the constituency chairman, Mr Marshall-Andrews highlighted the importance of Parliament in scrutinising the decisions of the Cabinet and Prime Minister.

"I have always maintained that



Picture: JILL FENNELL

LEAVING: Bob Marshall-Andrews

people enter politics with one of two broad motivations: to achieve power or to control it.

"I have always believed passionately in the second, (which is probably fortunate). For this reason I have been proud and content to serve my term on the backbenches attempting to scrutinise the Executive.

"I believe that this is the primary and essential role of Parliament."

He predicted the Labour Government would prosper under Gordon Brown.

"The beginning has been auspicious with a stated aversion to 'spin' and duplicity and proposals to assert the role of Cabinet and Parliament," he said. "I hope we will also see an end to statutory curtailment of historic civil liberties."

Mr Blair's apparent eagerness to curtail these freedoms had damaged the Labour Party, said Mr Marshall-Andrews, who will stand down before the next election.

"Although not widely articulated, this authoritarian hallmark of recent government has cost us considerable support."

He said he had immensely enjoyed his decade-long tenure as MP for Medway.

Gregarious

"This has been made possible by the wonderful friendship and support to which I have referred, by the enduring goodwill of Medway's constituents – whatever their politics – by the assistance of our press and media and by my outstanding staff who I will ultimately miss a great deal."

Mr Marshall-Andrews, who is regarded as a gregarious and convivial character, entered Parliament at the third attempt in 1997.

On election night in 2005 he wrongly announced he had lost his seat.

It is understood he is leaving Westminster to spend more time with his family.

A friend said: "He had to make a decision either way and eventually decided to stand down."

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Curries are good for you

AN INDIAN takeaway has been given a healthy eating award by a council.

Fresh Cuisine Indian takeaway in Shipbourne Road, Tonbridge was given the accolade by Tonbridge and Malling council for promoting healthy eating in the community.

The council said the takeaway offers plenty of healthy food options, which are high in fibre and low in fat, salt and sugar and used vegetable oil and olive oil to cook food instead of vegetable ghee.

Faint praise for Bloom debut

ORLANDO Bloom's eagerly-anticipated West End debut has met with mixed reviews.

The Canterbury-born actor is appearing in the revival of David Storey's In Celebration, a downbeat drama set in the home of a Yorkshire mining family, at the Duke of York's theatre.

First night verdicts varied from positive to downright scathing.

Telegraph critic Charles Spencer said he would only recommend the play to his worst enemy, describing it as "two-and-a-half hours of punishing pessimism".

Of the moustachioed Bloom, Mr Spencer wrote: "He spends the entire evening looking pale and interesting. It's not a challenging role but he remembers his lines and doesn't bump into the furniture."

He added: "This is the kind of show that sends you into the night wondering whether to slit your wrists at once or wait until you get back home."

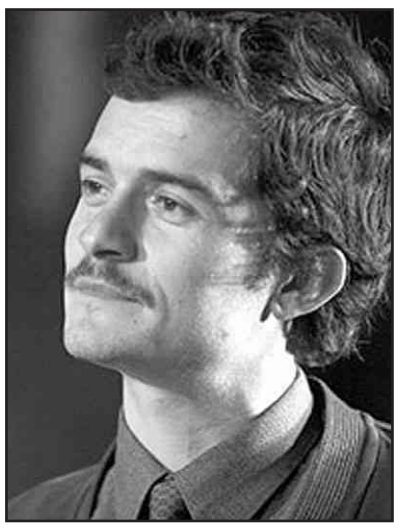
Benedict Nightingale of The Times was more appreciative. He praised the revival and said "Storey's work isn't just alive but has a kick capable of separating today's audiences from their emotional teeth".

The Daily Mail's Quentin Letts said Bloom "showed fine sensitivity with his part", but Paul Callan of the Daily Express said he was disappointed by the 30-year-old's debut.

"This is not entirely his fault," added Mr Callan.

"The part of Steven is too small and lacks the opportunity for spreading any dramatic wings."

The play runs until September 30.



PALE: Orlando Bloom on stage

School rebuild shortlist named

THE PRIVATE firms bidding to win the £500 million contract to overhaul and replace schools in Gravesham, Thanet and Swale have been revealed.

Kent County Council has announced the consortia short-listed for the first of its Building Schools for the Future programmes.

The first stage of BSF will refurbish and rebuild all the secondary schools in the three districts. The programme will also see "substantial" investment in computer facilities.

The short-listed consortia are Land Securities Trillium, formally known as Investors in the Community (LS Trillium/Northgate), and Skanska RM (Skanska/RM).

Cllr Paul Carter, leader of KCC, said: "This is a major milestone in an ambitious project to radically transform all of our secondary schools within 15 years.

"The announcement of the short-list, like the project itself, is ahead of schedule and our progress is far more advanced than other local authorities in the country."

About £1.8 billion will eventually be invested in schools across the county under BSF, with the aim of boosting standards for pupils and teachers.

Cllr Carter added: "Giving young people the best possible start in life is my top priority and this scheme will provide 21st century facilities, for today's students."

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The choir is coming

By **BERNARD GINNS**
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EXCITEMENT is mounting for the forthcoming concert by the Sierra Leone blind school choir at Canterbury Cathedral.

The 25-strong choir will play the opening show of its three-week tour at the iconic landmark on July 30.

The fundraising concert has been organised by Kent on Sunday with the English charity that supports the school.

Peter Penfold CMG, OBE, a retired diplomat who chairs the charity, said preparations were going well. "We have a number of exciting concerts coming up and what could be better than to start at Canterbury Cathedral?"

Demand has been strong for the free tickets and a limited number remain.

After the Kent show, the choir will tour London, Hastings, Reading, Cardiff and Hull. While in London, they will visit the world-famous Moorfields Eye Hospital.

Rebel war

Mr Penfold said: "It will give our children a chance to talk to some blind and partially sighted children so they can share experiences and give each other hope."

The Sierra Leoneans were either born blind or lost their sight through illness, but some were blinded by atrocities during the recent, decade-long rebel war.

The concert tour will raise money for the school, named after the former crown colony's first Prime Minister, Sir Milton Margai. It is the country's only registered blind school and has around 80 pupils and depends on overseas donations to stay open. Life is hard for ordinary Sierra Leoneans but particularly so for the disabled and the school often struggles to pay for food and utilities.

It is twinned with Dorton House School for the Blind in Sevenoaks, which is also home to the Royal London Society for the Blind.

Pupils at both schools have become penpals and last year, children from Kent visited their friends in Freetown for the once-in-a-lifetime trip.

Some of the penpals are expected to be reunited next weekend when the choir arrives. They will be staying at Dorton House for a week.

Mr Penfold has spoken to the choir leaders and they told him of the excitement among the members.

"They are excited and they are working very hard," said Mr Penfold. "They are rehearsing their songs, dancing and playing.

"It's a totally new concert with a new format. They are going to tell the story of Sierra Leone, right from the beginning with the freed slaves meeting under the cotton free in Freetown through to independence in 1961.

"It will also take in the terrible times of the rebel war and the peaceful times today and their looking to the future."

KoS readers have generously supported Sierra Leone this year by donating a tonne of schoolbooks to the village of Kent and schools and charities in Freetown.

The July 30 concert, which starts at 7.30pm, is ticket only. There will a collection at the end. To obtain a free ticket, write to Bernard Ginns, Editor, Kent on Sunday, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent TN25 6SR, with an SAE or visit the office in person. Phone ahead on 01303 817 000 to avoid disappointment. First-come, first-served basis.



ON SONG: Pupils from Milton Margai school have been rehearsing

Bye, bye beard

AFTER three decades of life with whiskers, teacher Paul Sykes decided to go for the chop.

The assistant headteacher at Dorton House School for the Blind had his beard shaved off on Thursday to raise money for charity.

He collected nearly £1,000, which will be split between the Milton Margai School for the Blind, in Sierra Leone, and Kidney Research.

Before the cut, wife Doreen said: "After 33 years and lots of nagging by his children, my husband has decided to do it.

"This will be a shock not only to his work colleagues but for me as I have never seen him without his beard and may well instigate divorce proceedings!"



HAIR TODAY: Paul Sykes with Milo of Milo's Barbers, Dunton Green

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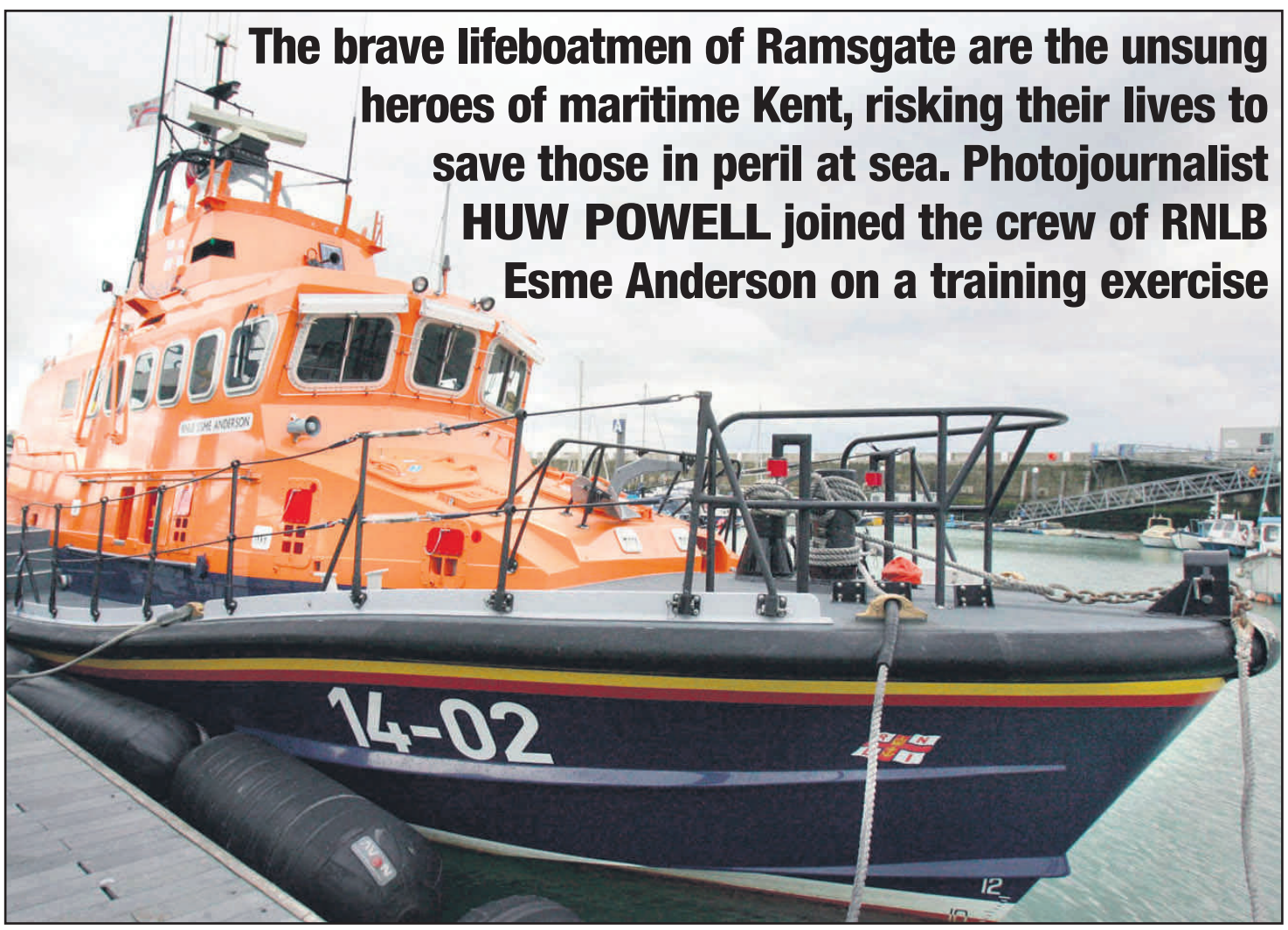
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Our saviours of the sea



The brave lifeboatmen of Ramsgate are the unsung heroes of maritime Kent, risking their lives to save those in peril at sea. Photojournalist HUW POWELL joined the crew of RNLB Esme Anderson on a training exercise

ESME Anderson raced away from the harbour at 20 knots, heading out to sea and unsettled afternoon rain and gloom.

Aboard the vessel – Ramsgate's Trent class offshore lifeboat – four damp volunteer crew, huddled in their oilskins on the back deck, were cracking jokes about never going boating in wet and windy conditions or, heaven forbid, at night.

Low grey clouds were scudding overhead and forked lightning cracked the skyline. To starboard, the notorious Goodwin Sands were pointed out to me as "just over there". It was easy to get a real sense of the danger if things started to cut up rough.

And then, from the bridge, coxswain Ian Cannon pointed the lifeboat straight towards the perilous sandbanks.

This was only a training run but even with the crew's good-humoured banter there was a feeling of the grit of what a real 'shout' must be like.

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Mr Cannon, 33, lives within a mile of the harbour and follows in a long family tradition. His father, Ron, was the Ramsgate coxswain for 25 years.

His grandfather was a full-time mechanic for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI), while his brother, Paul, is the second coxswain. "It runs in the blood", explained Mr Cannon, himself a father-of-four, with a dry smile.

Our first task was 'dropping the hook', anchoring off the Goodwin Sands. It was meant as a team-building exercise to help iron out problems

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HEIR APPARENT: Coxswain Ian Cannon, whose father also held the same post at Ramsgate for 25 years

before they arose in a critical, potentially life-threatening situation.

The crew wrestled competently with its weight and awkward shape and the anchor plunged into the water, its line run out to ensure a hold on the seabed, before the heavy monster was hauled back aboard with the aid of the powerful deck winch.

With the crew bantering throughout, it was easy to lose sight of the likelihood that next time they could be attempting this in rough seas.

Suddenly, a loud claxon began blaring: the man overboard alarm. A fender was spotted, already 600ft away and drifting quickly into the distance.

Crew member Harvey Cole, first to see it, never let his eyes leave it. He told me how vital this is: "You can lose sight of a person between waves in a second and never regain contact," he said. The fender was swiftly recovered.

But the boat's coxswain had devised another surprise. Down below was a 'casualty' with a broken leg, said Mr Cannon.

Stretcher

He had fallen to the foot of a steep set of stairs leading to the engine room. How would the crew move him?

Again, teamwork was needed to lift a stretcher almost vertically from below deck. It was tackled with characteristic good humour, with the 'casualty' grinning throughout.

The crew have been trained in advanced first aid, with the RNLI footing the cost.

Then it was back to Ramsgate after two hours of intense activity. During our return journey Mr Cannon asked me to remember a simple piece of safety advice.

"Don't ever think it will never happen to you", he warned. A recent rescue by the Esme Anderson was a case in point.

Last year, a rigid hull inflatable boat with 13 passengers and a camera crew had to be lifted off the northern tip of the Goodwin Sands after their boat was swamped by a rising tide. They had been having a game of cricket on the exposed sandbank.

That was one of 80 call-outs in 12 months, making 2006 the Ramsgate lifeboat's busiest year ever. Most of them were to pleasure craft during the Bank Holiday weekends.

The common mistake is to misjudge the strength of the tidal stream that curls around this constricted part of the Channel.

At the north end of the Goodwin Sands a spring tide can run at speeds of up to eight knots – driving yachts returning from Calais onto the sandbank before their skippers realise what has happened.

"Allow for strong tides and don't allow yourself to become confused by the number of buoys in the area," is Mr Cannon's warning.

Further advice so often ignored is ensuring every person on board has a proper life jacket, and that the boat has up-to-date flares and a reliable VHF radio.

As the crew tied RNLB Esme Anderson up there was a final request. The RNLI is a charity and not assisted by government grants.

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DROPPING THE HOOK: The crew drops anchor before evening exercises just off the Goodwin Sands



MAN OVERBOARD: During this drill, crew member Harvey Cole keeps clear the sight of the object in the water, both pointing and never taking his eyes from the person in distress



LUCKY CHARMS: The mascots on-board the Esme Anderson, with Micky Mouse seemingly happy to flout lifejacket rules

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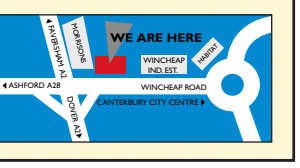


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More than 20 workers at the Kimberly-Clark paper mill at Northfleet created the super-sized roll to celebrate the launch of Andrex's new Longer Lasting toilet paper.

A 'loo roll crew', which included the giant Andrex Puppy Man, unravelled the sheets under the shadow of the stadium.

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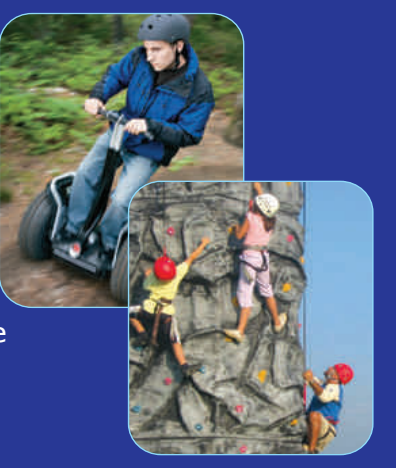




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Pensions fund is poleaxed on cost grounds

By **JAMIE McGINNES**
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THE FUTURE is unclear for former steelworkers who lost their pensions when their plant went bust after proposals to reimburse them were killed off in Parliament.

Labour MPs in the House of Commons voted against proposals for a "lifeboat fund" last week and invoked a rare procedure to stop further debate.

The plans had been due to go to the House of Lords this week, but ministers prevented that by using parliamentary privilege to argue the proposed fund had large implications for public spending.

Steelworker and pensions campaign Andrew Parr, from the Isle of Sheppey, said the MPs who opposed the fund had "ignored their own consciences" when they voted. The amendment to the Pensions Bill was beaten by 303 to 253 votes.

The lifeboat fund would have made use of unclaimed assets or a Treasury loan to reimburse the pensioners.

The Government indicated it would be willing to look at giving pensioners 90 per cent of their core entitlements, instead of 80 per cent.

However, former Allied Steel and Wire workers from Sheerness and Cardiff refused, saying they wanted the full pensions they were expecting before ASW collapsed in 2002.

More than 1,000 steelworkers lost all or part of their pensions when the company went bust. Nationally, around 125,000 people are in similar situations, having lost their entitlements when their employers folded.

The MP Derek Wyatt, who represents Sittingbourne and Sheppey, was among Labour members who opposed the changes to the Bill. Mr Wyatt said the lifeboat fund was "unworkable" and against the law.

He added: "The illegality of the lifeboat scheme would simply have hit the general taxpayer, some of whom, we have to say, do not have any occupational pensions."

The Kent Labour MPs to oppose the fund were John Austin (Erith and Thamesmead), Paul Clark (Gillingham), Dr Stephen Ladyman (South Thanet), Gwyn Prosser (Dover and Deal) and Dr Howard Stoate (Dartford).

The Tories and Lib-Dems put forward an amendment to the Pensions Bill to set up the lifeboat fund. In April the amendment was beaten by just 22 votes but it found support in the Lords.

A Government spokesman said the use of parliamentary privilege to block the Bill was "standard practice".

Smoking rap for man in van

A VAN driver in Broadstairs has received a caution after he was caught smoking inside his vehicle.

Thanet District Council officers warned next time he would face a £50 fine.

The driver was also cautioned for not displaying a "no smoking" sign in his van.

It's the first 'smokefree warning' issued by the council since the new law came into force on July 1, banning smoking in virtually all enclosed public places and workplaces.

Sell tickets or lose the Lotto

Camelot is threatening future of village shops, warns newsagent

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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LOTTERY chiefs have been accused of "bully-boy" tactics after giving a rural newsagent only 60 days to improve sales or face losing his licence.

Derek Richards, who owns Kingsdown Village Newsagents, near Dover, received a threatening letter demanding his weekly sales reached £1,000 or his lottery terminal would be removed.

He believes Camelot, which operates the lottery, has turned on small outlets to push up flagging sales figures. Sales last year were down to £4.9million from £5m the previous year.

Mr Richards now fears for the future of the small convenience store and other rural outlets if they lose their lottery licences.

Customers who bought lottery tickets often generated valuable extra trade for village shops, he said.

Across the county, many post offices are already facing closure and it is feared further threats to village stores will hit rural communities hard.

Mr Richards said his store is the only lottery outlet within a two-mile radius and one of only four surviving shops in the village.

"It is an extra worry I shouldn't have. I can't make people buy tickets – they won't come in because they will think they are being harassed."

He is currently making an average of £982 on sales per week – just £18 short of Camelot's target.

"Its bully-boy tactics putting pressure on people like me because their sales are down," said Mr Richards.

The 45-year-old said if he lost the lottery terminal it would be like "another nail in the coffin".

He said: "It is taking something else out of the village and we are trying to keep things in our villages and protect them."

Camelot's letter said: "We are committed to maximise the returns for Good Causes whilst operating within the framework of our licence targets and commitments.

"If your average weekly sales do not increase to the minimum level of £1,000 by the end of the 60 day period, your Retailer Agreement will be terminated and the National Lottery terminal removed."

But Mr Richards claimed many of his customers would be denied the chance to win millions and help good causes if the service was axed from his shop.

He said: "I have a lot of elderly shoppers and they have said they won't bother playing if they can't get the tickets here because its too far to travel anywhere else."

Without the lottery Mr Richards is set to lose the five per cent he receives from ticket sales and the extra trade generated by people using the service.

Nationally, hundreds of shops have received the same letter and face losing their lottery licences.

Camelot refused to say how many letters were sent to outlets in Kent.

Spokeswoman Charlotte Gibson said there was another outlet a mile from Mr Richards' shop.

She said: "We have a weekly sales target in place to ensure we are delivering on our duty to raise maximum amounts for good causes and to do this our terminals need to be cited in the absolute best places possible to generate these sales."



FINGERS CROSSED: Derek Richards could lose his Lottery terminal if profits don't improve

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Getting on their bikes for charity

CYCLISTS of all ages are preparing to pedal more than 1,200 miles from Canterbury to Rome in aid of charity.

The group of 25 fundraisers are hoping to raise £100,000 to share between the Save Canterbury Cathedral Appeal, Pilgrims Hospices in East Kent and BEN, an automotive industry charity.

The riders, including a car dealer, a High Court judge and a council chief executive, will follow a historical route dating from the 10th century called the Via Francigena.

It follows in the footsteps of the 27th Archbishop of Canterbury, Sigeric, who travelled to Rome to meet pope John XV.

They set off on August 10. If you want to sponsor the riders call 01227 864 444 or email pbarrett@barrettskent.co.uk.

Driver alert over sat nav thefts

A SPATE of thefts from cars in Maidstone has prompted police to issue advice to motorists.

Thieves have been targeting satellite navigation systems clearly displayed in vehicles.

Crime reduction officer John Grant said: "By taking a few simple steps people can prevent their vehicles from being a target and stop thieves from wandering around their neighbourhood on the look out for opportunities to steal their belongings."

Advice included ensuring portable sat-nav systems are removed when drivers leave their cars, marking the equipment with the owner's postcode, house number or licence plate number and not leaving anything on display to tempt thieves.

Marking property means it is harder for criminals to sell on and makes it easier for police to prove the equipment is stolen and bring charges.

Nothing left to save

ALMOST half of people are unable to save anything from their monthly incomes, research by property company A Quick Sale has found.

It also predicted that the recent interest rise is likely to see the number of people saving regularly decrease even further.



Agency: we're just the job

AN INWARD investment agency says it has created more than 30,000 jobs since it was set up a decade ago.

Since it was established in 1997, Locate in Kent has helped 403 companies and created 18,262 direct jobs, say managers. In addition, it says 7,087 indirect jobs have been created through suppliers and multipliers and 7,850 jobs have been retained.

Taken altogether, this equates to a grand total of more than 33,000 jobs.

Paul Wookey, chief executive of Locate in Kent, said: "From the very early days of Locate in Kent, we have seen progress and achievement which has helped this county grow and prosper.

"It is hard to imagine now, but back in the 1990s, Bluewater, Europe's largest retail and leisure destination, was a disused chalk quarry. It now attracts 27 million visitors a year.

"Saga is a tremendous example of a successful company that has grown in Kent. In 2000, the company opened a new call centre in Ramsgate, creating 600 jobs. Now Saga employs more than 2,500 staff in its three offices in Sandgate, Folkestone and Ramsgate."

Within its first five years of operation, Locate in Kent says it attracted 10,000 jobs to Kent and Medway and assisted more than 150 businesses to relocate or expand in the county.

In 2005, the agency was named one of the best organisations in Europe for project handling in an independent global benchmarking survey.

The 10th anniversary was celebrated with a party this week which was attended by more than 150 people.



CUTTING EDGE: From left, Sir Alistair Hunter (past Locate in Kent deputy chairman), Paul Wookey (Locate in Kent chief executive), Sir Brandon Gough (Locate in Kent chairman) and Paul Carter (leader of Kent County Council) celebrate Locate in Kent's 10th anniversary

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KENT ON SUNDAY

COMMENT

Should we fund this deception?

CONSIDER this: if you don't pay your £135 television licence fee, you soon get a nasty letter threatening you with legal action.

Yet the corporation that benefits from this compulsory tax then deliberately cheats its trusting viewers in TV phone-ins.

The BBC admitted faking competition winners on six shows – including charity flagships Comic Relief, Sport Relief and Children in Need – while members of the public paid to phone in hoping to win.

This is beyond sleazy. It is a cynical betrayal of the corporation's public service remit. The dumbed-down BBC needs to get its house in order and fast.

It has already lost a great deal of trust. Soon the Government may decide it should lose its public funding.

Load of rubbish

THE STUBBORN attitude of many Kent councils to House of Commons report is likely to anger local residents who are forced to pay ever-increasing council tax bills.

None of the authorities that collect rubbish fortnightly say they will consider changing back to weekly collections, in spite of concerns by an influential group of MPs.

The Commons' local government committee said there is no evidence to support claims alternate collections encourage more recycling.

Yet Kent councils which have already adopted alternate pick-ups are sticking to their guns and another is still consulting on switching to fortnightly collections.

This pig-headed attitude will win them no favours. They should listen to concerns rather than dismiss them out of hand.

OPINION: Muggles to the lot of you

Potter-mania should be celebrated, not mocked, says CHRIS BRITCHER



HARRY Potter. Two words that either make you recoil or rejoice.

For rarely has a book had such a dividing effect on the population. You either love JK Rowling's remarkably successful series – the seventh of which landed amid a frenzy of expectation on shelves this weekend – or you despise it with a passion.

Rarely have I seen the irritation levels of some over the simple experience of spotting an adult reading a children's book.

Commuters dipping their nose into Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows on the 0715 from Sittingbourne this week will, it seems a given, be scorned by half of those in the carriage who cannot comprehend exactly why a grown-up is devouring a book supposedly for children.

A quick straw poll in the office and the complaints seem to rest of it being "poorly written" and "overhyped" followed by the inevitable mocking of an adult reading a book about a young boy and his wand. Guffaw.

The reality, of course, is that they have completely missed the point. Not to mention the fact that the majority of them have never read a Potter book or simply given one a cursory glance with a view to mocking it.

Badly written books where style towers head and shoulders above substance do not make such an impact on the literary world.

They do not revolutionise the concept of reading for successive generations; they do not become books that will be as popular in 100 years time as they are today. What about Jeffrey Archer and Catherine Cookson's multi-million sellers, I hear you cry? Big sellers, I grant you, but aimed fairly and squarely at an adult audience. There's no cross-demographic/gender/age straddling which make them a cultural phenomenon.

What JK Rowling has achieved is modern day magic.

Because if nothing else, the National Grid will find itself under used this weekend as the PlayStation and Facebook generation unplug the PC and games consoles and settle down with a book.

And they will be settling down barely able to contain their enthusiasm to finally discover what happens to Harry and his pals.

How often does that happen? We should feel grateful this has happened during our generation. This is our Lord of the Rings, our Sherlock Holmes. And this is a week we will remember because of the publication of a book.

Not a book which has made headlines because of controversy, but a book with a compelling enough storyline to keep millions spellbound.

They may have initially been aimed fairly and squarely at the young reader, but their ability to

JK Rowling has weaved modern day magic and we should be grateful it has happened to us

mature from volume to volume and to engage on an emotional level – perhaps because you least expect it, behind the cartoon-like cover – is truly remarkable.

As is the continuing darker tone each volume has so far taken – reflecting the child's descent into adolescence and his battle with impending adulthood and responsibility. To convey that to both child and adult reader alike without plummeting into patronising prose is quite an achievement. To transform it into a global success which crosses borders and cultures is perhaps JK Rowling's finest triumph.

It also allows that rarest of things; for children and parents to enjoy together a shared experience which is not served up by those normal avenues of film or television.

So before you mock your colleagues or friends over the coming days as they look to get through the 680 pages which will finally resolve the titanic battle of good versus evil, before you find it amusing to spoil the ending by revealing the two characters that die, before you tut loudly when you get on your train tomorrow, think long and hard.

Don't recoil, rejoice. Rejoice that in a world where the internet provides our youngsters with the horrors of the world at the click of a mouse, and TV is full of mindless reality programmes showcasing stupid and attention-seeking dullards, today they will be returning to an old fashioned medium which clearly remains as powerful today as it ever has done in the past; the humble book.

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Smoke and mirrors

In voicing his opposition to the smoking ban in pubs, MP Roger Gale MP accused the Government of acting like the 'nanny state'.

Similar accusations were levelled at the Government when the ban on hunting was introduced.

As a vociferous supporter of the hunting ban, Mr Gale made no reference about the 'nanny state' but argued that the ban was enacted after due parliamentary procedure.

From this it would be reasonable to assume that while he is in favour of parliamentary democracy when it acts in accordance with his views, he is against it when it does not.

Robert Muir
Westgate on Sea

New balls, please

With another vastly enjoyable Wimbledon season over, we need to pay attention to the local availability of indoor and outdoor courts for this exhilarating game where the absence of British competitors is causing concern.

There should be a timely warning of the lack of encouragement of a game that can be a valuable activity for everyone throughout their lives, unlike team games.

Tennis began in the days when landowners built courts in their large gardens. Tennis was for the minority. Private fee-paying clubs followed and eventually councils set up hard courts, payment for one hour being within the reach of an employed person.

This state of affairs saw the heyday of competition tennis when British men and women shared the honours at Wimbledon and eventually television brought their success home to a delighted viewing public.

Changing lifestyles, car ownership, television, travel, hyped-up football, has all had the effect of reducing the necessity of much physical activity and children, not yet introduced to the game, suffered as a result.

Facilities for tennis need to be updated to include indoor courts and we need councils to provide these and to refurbish outdoor courts, which are in a state of disrepair with dangerous surfaces.

Phone the LTA on 07717 706694 about raising awareness.

Provision for tennis coaching is given at Deal Leisure Centre.

Or are we going back to tennis for the elite?

J McCoy
Broadstairs

Fines are fine

Terry Kendall calls for foreign lorry drivers to be the subject of on-the-spot fines when they are caught with defective vehicles (Letters, July 15).

The Freight Transport Association fully agrees and, fortunately, so does the Government.

From early next year the provisions of the Road Traffic Act will mean that drivers unable to provide details of a valid UK address will be required to make penalty payments at the roadside or risk the vehicle being impounded.

If they subsequently go to court to appeal against such penalties then the fine will be refunded if the court finds in their favour.

In this way foreign lorry drivers will no longer be able to leave the country without settling fines relating to defective vehicles, overloading or working in excess of drivers' hours rules.

A strict regulatory regime and good enforcement has led to an admirable safety record for the UK's domestic lorry fleet.

Sadly, visiting vehicles from Europe, in ever larger numbers, do not seem to share these same high standards.

FTA members operate almost half of all UK lorries. We believe that, among other measures, the new process of roadside fines will indeed make a contribution to improving the standards of foreign lorries on UK roads.

Geoff Dossetter
External Affairs Director
Freight Transport Association
Tunbridge Wells

Good old days

I was drawn to the news that Eurostar, along with rail operators on the Continent, is to open a new one-stop-shop for passengers to make all their European travel by rail in one transaction.

I know of two agents that can still do exactly that and Thomas Cooks still issue Continental rail timetables for anyone planning a journey.

A little over 50 years ago I, along with a number of other staff, operated a Continental rail department whereby we booked and issued all the necessary tickets plus seat and or couchette reservations complete with itinerary, giving departure and arrival times and numbers of all trains involved both for the outward and homeward journey.

Perhaps Eurostar might also like to know that in my time I could not recall a missed connection.

One found that European rail services were far more efficient than that operated in the UK, even in those days.

To say a new service is not quite true, but then I doubt any of them were around in those days and capable of knowing every station on the major routes which is what we had learnt plus the frontier and border points. Happy days.

Mr and Mrs Sheppard
Folkestone

Long live the Queen

I was truly delighted to read that the Medway Queen is likely to be finally saved.

She not only saved thousands of lives at Dunkirk, but in happier times gave so much pleasure to thousands during the paddle steamer era.

I last saw her some years ago on a mudflat near Hoo in an extremely poor state and I thought there would be little hope for survival.

She was being kept alive by a few loyal and determined workers whom I admired so much. I am always mystified as to why this famous little ship was not accepted and protected in safer waters.

Surely Chatham Dockyard would have been able and proud to offer her a safe haven?

David Ansell
East Sussex

Meddling minister

Your leader column last week opined that the new minister for the South East has a big job to do.

How the fact that Jonathan Shaw joined a political party and eventually got elected and sat in the House of Commons for 10 years makes anyone imagine he has the knowledge, skills ability or training to be Minister of the Crown escapes me. I was a manager at Joynes House when he was Kent County Council social worker and union steward there and his nickname was 'Nice But Dim'.

A Ministry for the South East is another joke job like Minister for Rain with a brief so large it is diluted to nothing, comprising another tier of interference like SEEDA and SEERA and meddling in productive Kent county partnerships.

R Whitehead
Gravesend

A disreputable lot

Following the police's probe into the cash-for-honours affair, two things will now happen.

First, Labour and the Tories will call for public funding. If a political party cannot fund itself in a legal way, it does not deserve to exist.

Second, politicians will moan that the affair has tarnished their image. But politicians have always been held in low esteem.

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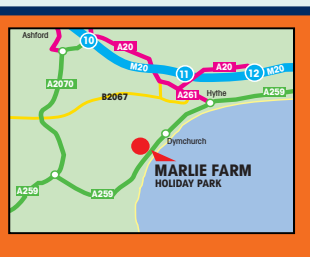
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Luna born 11th July at Dartford weighing 7lb 10½oz. Beautiful daughter of Terry and Ewa of Gravesend.

BACK
Nathan and Stephanie of Bridge are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Katie Louise Back.Katie was born on 6th July 2007 and weighed 9lb 2oz. A new baby sister for Libby.

BARNETT
Kelly and Matthew Barnett of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their son Christopher Anthony Barnett on 1st July 2007.

BETTS
Grace Elizabeth Betts born on 6th July 2007, weighing 7lb 5oz. Daughter to Emma and Gary of Naccolt, Ashford.

BLAXLAND
Anne and Robert from Ash are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Lilly Rose, born on 2nd July 2007.

BRIDGEMAN
Paul and Julie Bridgeman of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their son Cameron James Bridgeman on 10th July 2007.

BROADMORE
Ashton Paige born on 11th July 2007, weighing 7lb 3oz. Daughter to Darryl Broadmore and Tanya Exall in Burham.

BROOME
Julia and Andy Broome of Ashford celebrate the birth of their son Henry William Broome on 7th July 2007.

BROWN
Samuel Caleb born on 11th July 2007, at 6.10 pm weighing 6lb 10oz. Son to Alison and Nicholas Brown in Maidstone.

CANDISH
Lilia-Jayne born 1st July 2007 weighing 8lb 5oz. Daughter to Karen and Mike and sister to Kameron and Miami-Louise.

COLLINS
Jodie Louise born on 6th July 2007 at The William Harvey Hospital, weighing 7lbs 15oz. Daughter to Stuart and Samantha of Ashford.

COOK
Amelia Isabelle born 7th July 2007 in Canterbury weighing 7lb 7oz daughter of Erica and Ben sister to Sam and Lucy.Grand daughter to Jan and Andy.

COOMBER
Claire and Martin Coomber of West Malling celebrate the birth of their daughter Isabella Lillian Coomber on 22nd June 2007.

COX
William Alex born on 7th July 2007 to Neil and Elizabeth in Margate.

DUNNE
Olivia born on the 5th July 2007, weighing 8lb 12oz. Daughter to Doug and Tina in Maidstone.

EAGLETON
Jake Warren born on 2nd July 2007, weighing 10lb 12.6oz. Son to Graeme and Katie Eagleton of Hucking.

EVERSON
John and Julia Everson of Aldington celebrate the birth of their daughter Phoebe Pamela Everson on 18th June 2007. Sister to Isabel.

FITCH
To Brian and Joy of Chilham a daughter Anna Patricia born on 14th July 2007. A sister to Helen and Harriet.

FUNNELL
Rachel and Jason and Carly Funnell of Ashford Kent celebrate the birth of Ashley John Funnell date of birth 15th July 2007

GOMBIRO
Kudzayi and Wedzerai celebrate the birth of their daughter Anesu Larissa Gombiro on 16th June 2007. Glory be to God.

GRAY
Julie and Robert are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Elizabeth Darcey, born on 6th June 2007, sister to Sebastian, Oliver and Alexander.

HARRIS
James Martin born to Stan and Jane of Canterbury on 7th July 2007. A little brother for Hermoine.

HOWTON
Stewart and Shanaze celebrate the birth of their daughter Sofia Gabrielle Salima on 29th July 2007.

HUDSON
Michelle and Nathan Hudson celebrate the birth of their son Leon Nathan Hudson on 9th July 2007.

HUTCHINGS
Simon and Emma of Whitstable celebrate the birth of their son Cole Nicholas on 29th June 2007.

JONES
Fiona and Cliff of Whitstable celebrate the birth of their son Finlay Jake on 23rd June 2007.

KALIL
Richard and Nicola are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful baby daughter Leila Maisie Kalil born on 07.07.07 weighing 7lb 10oz. Faith is very proud of her baby sister xx.

KEMMENOE
Sam and Karl of Warden Bay celebrate the birth of their twins Kyran and Tygan on 5th July 2007. Mummy and Daddys special little angels.

LAWAL
Toyin and Tayo of Canterbury announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Temitayo Rebecca on the 11th June 2007 a sister to Aaron Ayo Jimi and Deji. All Gods blessings be on her.

LEONARD
Olivia Emily born on 10th July 2007 weighing 7lb 14oz daughter to Juliet and Peter of Canterbury.

LLOYD-JUDD
Richard and Catherine are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Jasmine on 28th June 2007. Sister to Emily.

MANNERING
Karen Nelder and Steve Mannering of Whitstable ,are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their long awaited baby daughter Kelsie Monica Sarah Mannering. Kelsie was born on 6th July 2007.

MARSHALL
Mike and Leonie celebrate the birth of their daughter Ella Louise on 5th July 2007 weighing 6lb 9oz. Sister to James, Nathan and Lauren.

McBRIDE
Scott and Valerie are pleased to announce the birth of their second set of twins, Charlie and Louisa born on 5th July 2007. Brother and sister to Daisy and Frank.

MEDHURST
Caroline and Michael Medhurst of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their daughter Myah Kaci Medhurst on the 10th July 2007.

MINTER
Garry and Stephanie celebrate the birth of their daughter Shanelle Ami, born at 9:21am on 9th July 2007 weighing 7lb ½oz.

MONEY
Farrah and Jason are delighted to announce the birth of their son Reuben Star, born on 12th July 2007 at Margate.

MORGAN
Colin and Candice and proud to announce the birth of their daughter Tiffany Eloise Morgan born on 5th July 2007 weighing 8lb 2oz. Third time lucky! Our little princess. Lots of love Mummy and Daddy x.

NORTHFIELD
Paul John born on 11th July 2007 at The William Harvey Hospital, weighing 6lb 10oz. Son to Paul and Tina.

OCONNOR
Olivia Megan OConnor born 4th July 2007 weighing 7lb 11oz daughter to Eugene OConnor and Kerry Wells.

OVERTON
Mark and Julie celebrate the birth of their daughter Dolly Louise on 22nd June 2007.

PALMER
Russell and Julie Palmer of Barming celebrate the birth of their son Albert Russell Palmer, born on the 1st July 2007.

PHOENIX
Gerry and Helena of Faversham announce the arrival of Morgan Thomas a brother for Juliet on 11th July 2007.

PINER
Lee and Sarah are delighted to announce the arrival of their baby daughter Mollie Grace who was born on 13th July 2007 weighing 5lb 5oz at Darent Valley Hospital.

PRESKETT
Gary and Denise are pleased to announce the birth of Eleanor Mary Violet Preskett on 22nd June 2007 at Maidstone Hopital.

PROVAN
Samuel born on 12th July 2007, weighing 8lb 7oz. Son to Caine and Nicola Provan and brother to Maximus in Maidstone.

RAYSBROOK
Cody James Raysbrook has arrived on 29/06/07. Weight 7lb 14.5oz.

REED
Natalie and Darren are proud to announce the safe arrival of their son Jesse on 11th June 2007 love Mummy and Daddy x.

ROGAN
Neo born 29th June 2007 weighing 7lbs 14ozs not forgetting the half. Son to Grant and Amanda.

ROWLEY
Donna and Richard of Margate are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Grace Vittoria on 5th July 2007. Sister to William and Madeleine.

SCHMIDT
Tanya and Ryan celebrate the birth of their beautiful son Sebastian Howard, born on 5th July 2007, weighing 8lb 1oz.

SEWELL
Alex and Janine are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Olivia Grace Sewell on 6th July 2007.

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SIMMONS
Alfie Joe born on 10th July 2007, weighing 8lb 9oz. Son to Daniel and Amy, brother to Katie.

STEVENS
Calum Peter Kevin born on 12th July 2007 at 10:08 am in The William Harvey Hospital, weighing 7lb 11oz. Son to Richard and Claire.

STONE
Mark and Suzanne Stone are pleased to announce the arrival of Sterling Stone on 17th June 2007. A baby sister for Luke, Beau and Keely.

TAYLOR
Peter and Jemma of Maidstone are proud to announce the birth of Joshua Bailey Taylor on 19th June 2007.

TINGEY
Christine and Tony are delighted to announce the birth of their son Samuel Michael Ian, born on 10th July 2007 at Ashford. Brother to Luke and Hannah.

TOMLINSON
Steve and Anne Tomlinson would like to celebrate the birth of their baby daughter Hannah. A sister to Jake, on Friday 13th July 2007, weighing 8lb 7oz.

TOVEY
Jack Francis Dennis born on 13th July 2007, weighing 10lb 12oz. Son to Gary and Rowena Tovey in Wrotham.

TURNER
Michael and Elisha are proud to announce the arrival of their beautiful baby girl Georgia Donna-Marie Turner. Born at Maidstone Hospital on 17th June 2007 weighing 5lb 2oz.

VENABLES
Jason and Susan celebrate the birth of their son Lewis John born 8th July 2007 weighing 6lb 6.5oz. Brother to Holly.

WATERS
Keira Louise Mary born on 29th of June 2007 weighing 6lb 12oz daughter to Theresa and Stephen and sister to Ross and Peter.

DEATHS

BREBAN
Tom Breban of Canterbury, formerly of Guernsey, died on 11th July 2007. Much loved husband of Monica and loving father of Patricia and Carol. Beloved grandfather of Emma, Katie, Nick and Lisa.

BRITCHER
James Britcher of Tonbridge died on 9th July 2007 aged 89. Funeral service at Tonbridge Parish Church at 1.00pm on Tuesday 24th July 2007.

CAVEY
George Cavey of Tunbridge Wells died peacefully on 10th July 2007. Funeral service at St Augustines RC Church at 10.00am on 23rd July 2007. Enquiries to J Kempster and Sons 01892 523131.

CHINERY
Joan Chinery of Fairseat passed peacefully away in her sleep on 7th July 2007. A light has gone from our lives.

COVEL
Ellen Covel of Maidstaone passed away on 12th July 2007. Enquiries to Ladybirds Funeral Directors, Maidstone 01622 727292.

DANCE
Frances Dance passed away peacefully on the 11th July 2007 aged 89. Dearly loved Mum, Gran and Greatgran. She will be sadly missed. Funeral Service at Barham Crematorium on the 24th July 2007 at 1.

DAVIES
Irene Olive Davies passed away peacefully on 9th July 2007 at Winchester House with her family by her side.

FALCONER
Donald George Falconer, aged 86, of Sevenoaks, died peacefully at home on 5th July. Much loved Husband, Father and Grandfather.

HARRISON
Sidney James passed away peacefully 15th July 2007. Funeral at Medway Crematorium on 1st August at 1.40pm. He will be Forever in our Thoughts.

LUMSDEN
Joan Edna of Loose sadly passed away on 17th July 2007. Much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother will be greatly missed. Further annoucement in the Kent Messenger for funeral arrangements.

MULLIS
Betty Mullis of Sturry passed away 7th July 2007 aged 85 years. Sadly missed by family and friends.

PARES
Tony Pares died peacefully in Faversham on 11th July 2007 aged 94 years. He will be sadly by his family and all who knew him.

VICKERS
Peter (Joss) aged 58 years, sadly passed away on 9th July 2007 at home in Caple-le-Ferne. Wonderful Husband to Carol and Father to Stuart, Clare, Rachel and Kelly, and Granddad to 8 wonderful Grandchildren.

VOGLE
Arthur Cyril (Joe) loving Husband Father and Grandfather passed away peacefully on 13th July 2007 in Canterbury.

WAKEFORD
Ivy, formerly of Chelsfield Lane Orpington, passed away peacefully 4th July 2007.

WEBB
Anne Webb of Whitstable, formerly of Herne Bay, fell asleep on Wednesday 11th July 2007. She will be sadly missed by all of her family and friends. The funeral is to be on Monday 23rd July at 3.20pm.



They need a head start

I was dismayed and angered when I learnt that Kent County Council intends to close my son Oliver's specialist nursery at the end of term, without any consulting with staff or parents.

Oliver has a global delay, which means that he can vocalise just a small handful of words and relies greatly on visual clues and Makaton signing, both of which he has learnt from Headstart nursery, St Anthony's School, Margate.

Oliver turned four in June and has been attending the nursery since October last year, where he, along with seven other children, has received the special care that is required if they are to be able to integrate smoothly into mainstream schooling.

The children receive a high level of care, including one to one speech and language therapy, picture exchange, toileting etc.

There is no replacement for Headstart and with no explanations or forewarning to the staff or the infant schools into which these children are to be placed, let alone the parents, our children's future looks uncertain.

Please ask your readers to support us by going online and signing the petitition (www.ipetitions.com/petition/SAVEHEADSTART/) to try to save this most valuable resource.

Mrs Justine Dorman
Kingsgate



WORLD RECORD: £1m was paid for Chartwell: Landscape with Sheep

Churchill painting auctioned for £1m

By **NICK AMES**
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A PAINTING by Sir Winston Churchill of his Chartwell estate, near Westerham, went for £1million during an auction at Sotheby's.

The sum was a world record for a work by Britain's wartime prime minister and is entitled Chartwell: Landscape with Sheep.

It was painted in the war years of the early 1940s and was bought by a private collector.

Chartwell was Churchill's country retreat and benefist from magnificent views of the Kent and Sussex countryside.

It was a constant source of inspiration for his work until his death, aged 90, in 1965.

He and wife Clementine bought the Elizabethan manor house in 1922 with money from an inheritance windfall but it was not until the spring of 1924 that the pair were finally able to move in.

He began painting as a hobby which continued throughout his life and his pictures have crept up in value in recent years as his work becomes more appreciated.

David Moore-Gwyn, Sotheby's specialist in 20th century British art, said: "Chartwell remains almost exactly as Churchill left it.

"A shrine to his memory, it is still very possible to appreciate the vital role that Chartwell played as something of a Shangri-la during the most important years of Churchill's political life."



Expensive democracy

If the Labour leader at Kent County Council claimed £39,000 in expenses, as reported, plus his salary and his pay at Dover District Council plus expenses, what are other KCC members collecting at our cost?

It is time for a unitary council which would remove both KCC and Dover council and would be much cheaper and more efficient than our present local government structure.

A unitary council could cover Dover, Canterbury, Thanet and Shepway councils and would be responsible for east Kent.

Then we would get our fair share of income.

Reg Hansell
Shepherdswell

Scrap the Turner bid

Surely the Turner Centre joke has been played out by now. Some £7 million is already wasted and another £15m will be thrown away if it goes ahead even though the public is against it.

This is our money. Will somebody make it plain to the council to open their eyes and join the real world?

Let the private developers, who know a profitable scheme when they see one, take it on. What no developers lining up with their chequebooks? What a surprise.

Our cash needs to be used on sensible schemes, not wasted on stupid things.

If the arty-crafty group promoting the Turner Centre was really interested in promoting things and places of beauty, then someone tell them to put their efforts into saving our villages and countryside.

Dave Hayfield
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YOUR LETTERS

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Women seeking men

ATTRACTIVE brunette, 27, blue eyes, curvaceous, looking for a fun male, for friendship and laughs. Maidstone. Box 424256

PRETTY female, 28, 5'8", brown hair/blue eyes, enjoys the gym, cinema, dancing, seeking honest male, 26-38, with a GSOH, for friendship, possible LTR. Box 410494 P

TRACY 30, recently separated, enjoys going out, nights in, having fun, seeks male for friendship maybe more. Box 413958 P

BEAUTIFUL, black, curvy female, 30, WLTM honest, genuine man, for a relationship and maybe more. Folkestone. Box 408865

KENT girl, 30, seeks charming, honest fella, to brighten up my life. Where are you? xx. Box 913305 P

FLIRTY 30yr old, have a wicked SOH and up for a laugh. I'm friendly, helpful and generally happy go lucky. I enjoy socialising, pubs/clubs, reading. Box 906611

SINGLE lady, 31 years old, Maidstone area, enjoys cinema, going for drives, looking for an easy-going male for friendship, maybe more? Box 422222

CARING, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013

CREATIVE, happy, loving female, 32, 5ft, blonde/blue eyes, seeks kind, warm, sincere, patient male, with a car, to share my life with. Box 392354

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY female, 32, 5'8", medium/cuddly build, into most things in life, looking for friendship and maybe more. Kent. Box 406412 P

SINGLE mum of 2, 32, would like to meet someone, kind, caring, considerate, for nights in/out, cinema. Box 406670

SINGLE mum, 33, 5'4", dark hair/blue eyes, enjoys staying in/going out and having a laugh, looking for male, for fun and maybe relationship. Box 416153

SLIM lady, 33, blonde, brown eyes, 1 daughter, enjoys music, live bands, aerobics, salsa dancing, looking for relationship with honest, caring male. Box 420748

LOVING, caring, black African female, 33, school teacher, WLTM caring, honest, loving, open, professional man, 35-50 with good values in life, for something meaningful. Box 422460

HI, I'm 34 years old, 5'6, brunette, I love having a laugh and socialising, also enjoy watersports and love wearing my wetsuit!!!! Folkestone area. Box 906903 P

CUDDLY, bubbly 33 year old female, 5'6", brown eyes/hair, looking for a caring, kind and faithful man to put the spark back into my life. Box 914710

AFRICAN lady, 33, brown eyes, likes socialising, music, pubs, cinema, seeks male for friendship, more. Box 413128

FUN, loving, attractive, kind woman. 36 years young, single parent, looking for romance and good times. Box 909110 P

HONEST, caring lady, attractive, from Tunbridge Wells, 37, hazel eyes, curvy, 5ft6, with a GSOH, many interests, clubs, cooking, cosy nights. Looking for stocky male, 35-45. Box 424364 P

36YR old nurse, enjoys fun and laughter, travel, nights in/out, music, dancing, reading, theatre. Seeking man for company, maybe more. East Kent. Box 912176 P

DIVORCED lady, 38, 5ft2, dark hair/eyes, attractive, 3 kids, looking for a bubbly male, must love animals and countryside. Canterbury. Box 423949 P

38YR old lively, down 2 earth female, GSOH, enjoy all life's pleasures, looking for fun, maybe more. Box 920397 P

SINGLE mum of 3, (39yrs old), looking for a man to restore my faith in opposite sex! Believe life is for living. Deal area. Box 908671

DECENT 36yr old female, medium build, fair hair, 5'6", likes cinema, eating and having fun, seeks like-minded male, 36-40, for friendship first. Box 739664

ASHFORD female, 37, 5'7", dark eyes, GSOH, no ties, likes cosy nights in, socialising, country pubs, cinema, seeks loyal, caring male, for friendship & more. Ashford. Box 152862

HI, I'm Joan, 39, 5'8", slim/med build, brown hair, green eyes, looking for male, with GSOH, for good times. Box 424732

HONEST, tactile woman, 40, romantic and hard working. I'm a single parent, hard-working and enjoy walks, dining out, good wine, and conversation. WLTM similar male. Box 423953

SLIMMISH female, 39, red hair, loves music, seeks similar passionate guy to share dreams and ideas. Box 662055

DARK-HAIRED, blue-eyed lady, 42, looking for fun man, with nice physique. Likes everything in life, especially reading, nights in/out. Ashford. Box 424006

HARD-WORKING female 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for a independent man who values TLC. Box 414156

YOUNG-LOOKING, assertive, fab-looking babe, 43. I love to travel, great SOH. Seek sincere, tactile sort of man for friendship, maybe more. Box 418352

GENUINE, caring, honest female, 41, 5'8", medium build, dark hair, blue-green eyes, N/S, likes night in/out, cinema, seeks honest male, for lasting love, Maidstone area. Box 800308

43YR old woman, with children. I'm a non-smoker, enjoy going out, enjoy, cooking, going out for meals, cosy nights. I'm fun-loving, looking for single male. Box 906859

BLUE-EYED redhead, 44, 5'2", enjoy pubs, clubs, cinema, singing, walking, theatre, seeks male 40-50 for friendship, maybe more. Box 913919 P

AFFECTIONATE, tactile, 43yr old single mum. I love beach walks, good wine, and looking for a guy to add the zest back into my life! Box 418593

LAUGHTER, sincerity, and honesty: those without these qualities need not apply! I'm female, 45, and believe life is for living today. Box 156956 P

BLONDE female, 40+, attractive, fun-loving, GSOH, enjoy cinema, eating out, music, dancing, WLTM attractive companion for days out, holidays, possible romance. Ashford. Box 908594

FRIENDLY, bubbly, fun-loving woman, 45, 5'4", GSOH, enjoys socialising, pubs, music, eating in/out, own home/car, smoker, looking for honest man 44-55, who enjoys life. Box 823441 P

EVEN-TEMPERED, kind female, 45, 5'2", slim, green eyes, brown hair, likes cinema, restaurants, walking, animals, seeks confident, romantic male for fun and maybe more. Box 378907

FIT, attractive, youthful single mum, 46, own home/car, lives/works in Folkestone, likes swimming, keep-fit, music and reading. Seeks a caring man-friend in my life. Box 927635

HI, I'm a 49yr old woman, 5'7", fair hair, slim, enjoys theatre, reading, gardening and lots more, looking for genuine man to enjoy life with. Box 922890

LONELY, honest lady, 52, enjoy walks, cycling, travel, WLTM sociable gent to share interests and possibly leading to LTR. Box 399420

MODERN, professional, classy, loyal female, early 50s, 5'4", blonde hair, medium build, enjoys countryside, WLTM gent, 45-58, smart appearance, for friendship/relationship. Box 825500

GENUINE, loyal, educated professional, lady, 53, 5'5", divorced, blonde, green eyes, medium build, enjoys travelling, WLTM smart, gentleman for friendship, possible relationship. Box 910804 P

HONEST, caring female, 55, too many interest to name, just looking for a real man to share them with. Box 424913

TRUSTWORTHY, honest female, 56, 5ft7, medium build, enjoys socialising, eating out, holidays, looking for that special person. Gillingham. Box 424595

YOUNG, modern widow, 5'1", slim, likes nights out, socialising, cosy nights in, seeking honest, reliable man for friendship, love, affection/TLC. Box 920739

DIVORCED lady, 61, N/S, medium build, loves movies, classic music, comedy, restaurants, cooking, gardening, reading, driving, seeks tactile man, for something special. Box 424898

SINCERE, affectionate woman, 65, 5ft6, blue eyes, various interests, lots of free time on hand, looking for someone to enjoy pleasurable moments with. Rochester. Box 424689

Men seeking women

NICE guy, 22, 6ft tall, good-looking. WLTM someone who likes to have fun, and spending quality time together. Box 425028

DOVER man, 32, I like music, films, seeking woman for fun nights out, evenings in. I'm 5ft10, blond hair/blue eyes, medium/stocky build. Box 422967

HI, I'm Ron, 33, 6'5", well build, average looks, honest, reliable, easygoing, GSOH, likes pubs, clubs, music, evenings in and out, seeks female, for long-term relationship. Box 421003

WICKED sense of humour, old romantic, likes cycling, walking, live music, club/pubs. Sound good? I'm male, 35, seeking lady for friendship possibly more. Ramsgate. Box 908588 P

CREATIVE male, 35, 6ft, slim, dark hair/eyes, loves music, travel, history, socialising, cinema, reading etc. seeks laid back, slim, attractive female, 26-35. Whitstable. Box 380976 P

CARING, reliable, attractive male, 36, dark hair/blue eyes, N/S, no ties, GSOH, sociable, seeks kind, down-to-earth, attractive female, for company and hopefully romance. Margate. Box 410659 P

DOWN-TO-EARTH, loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enjoys meals out, good company & conversation, cosy evenings in. Box 914917 P

FUN-LOVING guy, 37 years young, with 2 kids, currently going through divorce, need to put the sparkle back into my life. Ashford. Box 906191

ATTRACTIVE, caring man, 37, very loyal, genuine, down-to-earth, from East Kent, many interests, it's about who you're with, not what you're doing. Box 423435

MARGATE man, 37, 6ft3, dark hair, nice big build. I work in residential care which I love. I'm down-to-earth, kind, tactile, with a GSOH. Box 423437 P

CARING, thoughtful male 38, likes clubbing, travel, eating out, cinema, music, theatre, sports, yoga, seeks female for friendship and much more. Box 424901

SOCIABLE male, 5ft8, medium build, dark hair, brown eyes, enjoys pubs, clubs, cinema, days out, quite evenings in with good meal. Westgate-on-sea. Box 906517

SOCIABLE, fit male, 41, 6ft, athletic build, enjoys life. looking for ladies to chat with and possibly more. Box 922069 P

CONFIDENT male, 42, 5'10", nice build, single dad, own home, loves cooking, going out, sports, WLTM someone similar to me. Maidstone. Box 411411

LOYAL, reliable bloke, 41, told good-looking, easygoing, outgoing, smart appearance, GSOH, enjoys many things, WLTM fun, bubbly female, for a lasting relationship. Sittingbourne. Box 414308

I'M Afro-Caribbean origin, 43 years old, single, 5ft8, from Gillingham. Looking for single, loving, affectionate lady, to share life, love and laughter. Box 906529 P

STEVE, 43, 5'8", short brown hair, prison officer, very caring, fun, enjoy cooking, looking for lady to share good times, possibly relationship. Box 421351 P

DAVE, 44, 5ft10, green eyes, grown up children, OHAC, enjoys restaurants, music, going out, seeks tactile female to start over with. Box 424886

HI, Colin, 45, 5'11", dark hair/hazel eyes, GSOH, outgoing, likes pubs, meals out, cosy nights in, socialising, seeks female, for love and romance. Box 424661

HI, I'm Steve, 44, 5'8", blue eyes, slim/med build, short dark hair, clean shaven, like nights in and out, diy, looking for slim lady, 26-43. Box 416263 P

DIVORCED male, 45, blue eyes, looking for a kind, caring female, who likes cinema, theatre and the countryside. Ramsgate. Box 424768

LOOKING for a friendly, cheerful woman. I'm a 51yr old, single dad. I'm a professional artist and enjoy life. Canterbury area. Box 424770

TACTILE female, 55, 5ft4, blonde, likes cooking, the gym, eating out, cinema, walking, looking for someone to share this with. Box 424063

YOUNG 60yr old, 5'6", zany SOH, short grey hair, slim, with grey/green eyes, seeking young-at-heart lady, to share good memories. Chatham. Box 906572 P

RETIRED widower, 62, average build, 5ft6, new to area, sociable guy, likes classic cars, walking, days out, dancing, seeking that special lady. Box 424896

Men seeking men

I'M looking for a patient, understanding guy, genuine/caring, who enjoys walks, pubs. I'm male, 38, shy at first, 5ft9, blond/blue eyes, lots of fun, GSOH. Box 423967

I'M Paul, 40, genuine, down-2-earth, 5'9", GSOH, brown hair, blue eyes, average build, likes movies, diy, theatre, keeping fit, travelling, looking for young male, non-smoker. Box 423252

Women seeking women

HI, I'm tall, dark, slim 20yr old female, bubbly, outgoing, GSOH, looking female, for good times. Box 424624 P

GOOD-LOOKING, reliable lady, 37, kind and thoughtful. I'm divorced with 1 child, like cooking, housework, N/S, to build a strong relationship. Rochester. Box 424789



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Historic park homes

ISG Jackson has secured a £16 million project to build a high-specification retirement village in Mote Park, Maidstone, for retirement developer, Raven Audley Court.

The scheme is based around Mote House, a derelict George III period country residence, which is set within the 450-acre Mote Park and will form the focal point for this prestigious development.

ISG Jackson will renovate the historic Portland stone property and convert this into one and two-bedroom apartments, with a comprehensive range of communal facilities on the ground floor.

Existing outbuildings will be converted into living accommodation and the contractor will also construct a range of sympathetic new-build cottages and apartments across the 10-acre site to provide a total of 87 individual properties.

Facilities at Mote House will include a restaurant, coffee lounge and bar and library, alongside a health and well-being centre with a swimming pool and gym.

Phillip Allerton, director of ISG Jackson's Living division, said: "The Mote Park retirement village has been carefully designed to promote a real sense of community for its residents, who will benefit from an excellent range of facilities and a wonderfully picturesque location."

For information visit www.isgjackson.com.

Sunshine of your lifestyle

IF you are considering buying abroad with a view to retirement then perhaps the first thing you should consider is the weather.

It can play a major part in your lifestyle and with time on your hands choosing an area with good weather is important.

Craig Stocks of Eden Villas, specialists in selling homes in the Costa Tropical region of Spain, said: "People are living longer which means they have more time to enjoy their retirement, which is why choosing a home where everything is as near perfect as possible is very important."

The climate in the Costa Tropical is superb. It benefits from mild winds from North Africa and the warm waters of the Mediterranean together with a freshness from the Sierra Nevada mountains.

The area has more than 320 days of sunshine a year and in winter temperatures rarely fall below 10 degrees centigrade with an average of 18 degrees throughout the year. There is also no rainy season to be avoided although the area does need rain, so when it rains it pours – but only on average 20 days a year.



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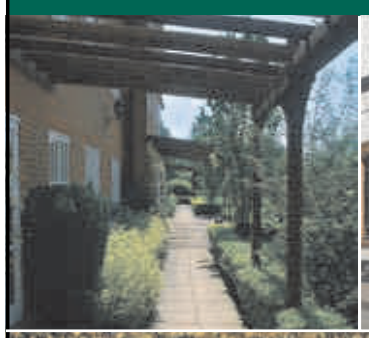
In addition to tried and tested amenities such as the communal residents' lounge, 24-hour emergency Careline and video entrance system, Darwin Court also provides residents with a restaurant, domestic assistance and staff on site 24 hours a day.

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Home 8 has a guide price of £290,000 and Home 9 has a guide price of £300,000. As a special incentive, Bourne Developments is offering for a short period up to £10,000 cash back upon legal completion and stamp duty paid.

For details call Cluttons on 01227 475703 or Browns 01303 840422.







Hassle-free scheme solves moving fears

MANY retired people may be put off moving by what they consider is the immense upheaval of moving day.

Churchill Retirement Living has launched a new service to address this problem, called Moving Made Easy.

The services offers potential owners the ease and convenience of a dedicated removal service which is free and can even work with 24 hours notice if need be.

The scheme includes a removal service, complete packing and unpacking, the help of a personal move co-ordinator and full insurance. In short, it represents a hassle free move to a new Churchill Retirement Living apartment.

Spencer McCarthy, chairman and group MD, said: "We full appreciate moving can be stressful for anyone but can be doubly so if you are a retired person moving to a new address, perhaps for the first time in many years and maybe on your own. We are doing our best to help smooth the path with our Moving Made Easy scheme."

The scheme is available at all Churchill Retirement Living developments including Park View Lodge in Faversham, Queen Elizabeth Lodge in Cliftonville, Dickens Lodge in Broadstairs and Chartwell Lodge in Tunbridge Wells.

For information visit www.churchillretirement.co.uk or call 0800 458 1857.





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CHURCHILL Development's Queen Elizabeth Lodge development is an attractive purpose-built retirement development in Laleham Gardens, off Northdown Road in Cliftonville.

Kathleen Bourne moved in two years ago after the death of her husband Ray.

"It was only 10 minutes from where I used to live, so I didn't need to give up any friends or social life, and, best of all, I was allowed to bring my dog Annie with me."

The development comprises of 34 one and two-bedroom retirement apartments.

Prices start at £136,950 for a one-bedroom apartment and from £181,950 for a two-bedroom apartment.

See www.churchillretirement.co.uk for more information or call 0800 783 7661.

Advertisement Feature

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After working hard all your life, don't you think you deserve a little pampering? Wouldn't it be nice to have someone else to do all the hard work for a change, and to know that there is always someone under the same roof, to call on if you need help?

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Independence, companionship and support

Nobody interferes with your independence because your apartment belongs to you and you can "shut the front door" and enjoy your privacy whenever you want.

But there is always the option of socialising in the attractive hotel-style lounge or the function room, and a luxurious guest suite is available for when you want to put up additional friends or family.

Residents also have the peace of mind of knowing that a member of staff is on site 24-hours a day. The day-to-day running of the development is supervised by a neighbourly Estate Manager, backed up by a team of assistants, who help to ensure the welfare of apartment owners.

In addition, all residents have access to an emergency call system, via pull cords in all the main rooms of their apartment.

Let someone else take care of you

All apartments have fitted, easy-to-use kitchens. But if you don't feel like cooking, you can use the development's very own restaurant, which has a waitress and is open seven days a week for lunch.

In the event of illness, your restaurant meal can be brought to your apartment.

You can enjoy the landscaped garden without having to worry about doing the weeding, and the service charge includes one hour of domestic assistance a week in your own apartment. Further assistance can be arranged and tailored to meet individual needs.

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University experts are Malaysia bound

By **CHRIS MURPHY**
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TOURISM experts at the University of Kent are to carry out an in-depth analysis of the industry in Malaysia.

The tourism research centre at the Medway campus has won a grant to carry out the work, which will also take in Singapore and Indonesia.

A team will be examining how cross-border tourism in the region is impacting on the countries, including the trade and investment sectors.

It was made possible with a grant from the South East Asian Studies Research Committee, part of the British Academy.

The academy advises on national policy in the higher education sector and is the UK's leading organisation for supporting research into humanities and social sciences.

The award was granted to CENTICA, the University's Centre for Tourism in Islands and Coastal Areas, which was set up last year by Dr Mark Hampton.

He is leading this latest project in partnership with Professor Amran Hamzah of Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, based in Johor Bahru.

Dr Hampton said: "The Asia Pacific region is the world's fastest-growing area for tourism, so it's certainly the right place to be developing our tourism research.

"It will be pioneering work into the tourism 'growth triangle' between these three countries, and I'm excited that the University of Kent is at the forefront of the research.

"We are there to measure the economic impact and to see whether the local workforces and communities are well placed to capitalise on cross-border tourism.

Backpackers

"Ultimately, this study could help advise on future tourism policy in the region."

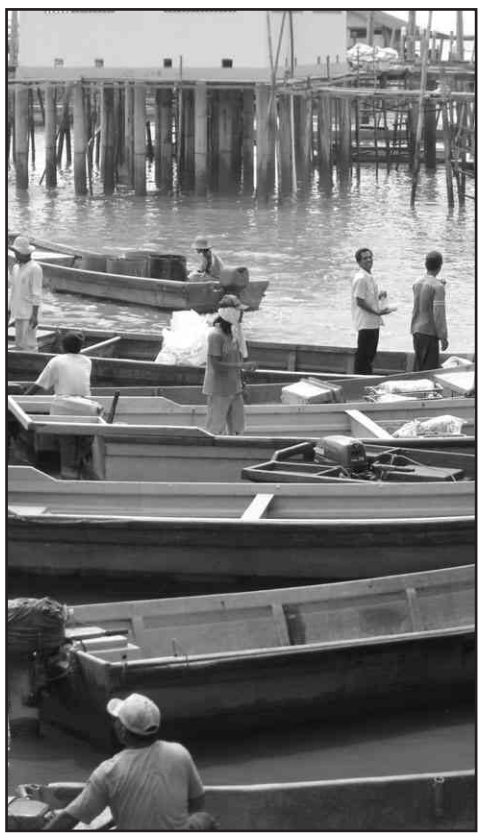
As well as working in Johor Bahru city, they will be visiting the traditional fishing village of Kukup, and Bintan Island in Indonesia.

The bulk of the research data will be gathered by in-depth interviews with local workers and residents.

Community leaders, academics and tourism specialists will also be quizzed about the impact of the growing industry in the region.

Last year, Dr Hampton and Professor Hamzah also worked together in a £50,000 research project funded by the Malaysian government, to assess the impact of backpacker tourism in the Asia Pacific region.

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SURVEY: Fisherman in the village of Kukup

Anger at history lessons shake up

PLANS to remove Sir Winston Churchill from history lessons at school have been condemned as "total madness" by his grandson.

Tory MP Nicholas Soames is furious the World War Two Prime Minister, who lived at Chartwell House, near Westerham, could be taken off a list of key people that secondary school children are taught.

He said: "The teaching of history is incredibly important. If people do not seem to care about the country in which they live, the reason is that they don't know much about it."

Bureaucrats wanted to scrap Churchill under proposals to revise the national curriculum and bring it into the 21st century. They want children to instead learn about issues such as climate change, GM foods and drug addiction.

But Schools Secretary Ed Balls said: "Churchill should be taught to all pupils and I shall be taking steps to ensure it is."

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The competition saw the apprentices taking part in a series of challenges, which tested their knowledge and practical skills.

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Winning students will travel to Birmingham to compete in the national final in October.

Apprenticeship manager from ConstructionSkills, the body which runs the awards, Robbie Beecher said: "The latest figures from our foresight report reveal 103 new people are needed in painting and decorating roles each year in Kent until 2011, so it is important these young achievers act as role models for young people considering construction as a future career option."

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All posts include generous annual leave, flexible working, negotiated hours, entry into a medical health scheme, free car parking or subsidised bus pass, as well as access to the local government final salary pension scheme.

For an application form and job description for this position, please contact the Human Resources Unit, telephone (01843) 577175 (24 hours), e-mail personnel@thanet.gov.uk alternatively you can apply online at www.thanet.gov.uk/jobs

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The closing date for this position is 6th August 2007. Interviews will be held on 28th August 2007.



Kent County Council

Principal Accountants

Starting salary £39,712 with progression through Contribution Related Pay to £46,512 p.a.

Deficits and Compliance **Ref: CFE/07/237**
Countywide but based at Clover House, Whitstable

Unit Manager Support **Ref: CFE/07/238**
Countywide but based at Kroner House, Ashford and Sessions House, Maidstone

Kent Children, Families and Education Finance has an enviable reputation in maintaining sound and robust financial management and this is a rare opportunity for you to join a team of professionals dedicated to providing quality services to the people of Kent in a challenging financial environment. A public sector background is not required, but you must bring a resilient and incisive approach and proven ability to multitask and balance conflicting priorities.

Financial Management in Kent is very much a partnership with non-financial managers, and you must be able to demonstrate an ability to understand and communicate complex financial issues in a pressurised climate. As an excellent communicator, you will have regular liaison with senior officers and members, as well as supporting and influencing the Strategic and Operational decision making process within Kent Children, Families and Education.

Closing date: Midday 31 July 2007.

Customer Care Manager

Starting salary £29,190 with progression through Contribution Related Pay to £34,507 p.a.

St Peters House, Broadstairs **Ref: AS/07/267**

Take charge of the leading component of our interface with the public. New regulations mean we have to sharpen our Complaints procedure. But learning from Complaints is just the first stage in putting customers at the heart of the Directorate's commissioning process.

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If you have relevant experience in the public or private or voluntary sector and have the intellectual ability, emotional intelligence, and determination to make a difference in this vital role, then we want to hear from you.

This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure application to the Criminal Records Bureau.

We are committed to service user and carer involvement and seek to involve service users and carers in our recruitment processes.

For further information, please telephone John Barnes on 01843 860000 or email john.barnes@kent.gov.uk

Closing date: Midday 3 August 2007.

Part-time Bursars (two posts)

Starting salary £16,221, with progression through Contribution Related Pay to £17,842 p.a. pro rata

18 hours per week + 6 hours performance contract **Ref: CD/07/156**
Miracles Youth Centre, Gravesend

11 hours per week + 6 hours contract **Ref: CD/07/165**
Swan Valley Youth Centre and Fleetdown Library, Dartford

Organised and efficient, you will provide financial and administrative support to the centre. You will be responsible for ensuring that day-to-day maintenance issues are addressed to comply with Health and Safety guidelines.

Experience of book-keeping, dealing with budgets and general administrative duties are essential requirements; computer skills are also required. You must be resourceful, organised, and be able to prioritise your workload.

Kent Youth and Community is committed to safeguarding young people, and this post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.

For an informal discussion, please contact Jeremy Bede-Cox on 01622 694248.

Closing date: Midday 27 July 2007.

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Audit experience, full or part qualified MIIA/CIPFA and a clean driving licence are also desirable although not essential. **Ref: A/SJP.**

Closing date: 27 July 2007.

For an application form and job description please contact: Customer Services Gravesham Borough Council,
Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU.

Telephone 01474 33 70 00
Email customer.services@gravesham.gov.uk
Website http://www.gravesham.gov.uk

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Miers Court Primary School
Silver Spot Close
Rainham
Kent ME8 8JR
Telephone - (01634) 388943
Fax: 01634 388486
E-mail:
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Required from: 1st September 2007
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To apply/more information
Mr Vincent O'Mara, Headteacher
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Letchworth Avenue
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Kent ME4 6NT
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Salary: Main/Upper
Full time and Permanent
Required from: 1st September 2007
Closing Date: 21st August 2007
To apply/more information
Mr Vincent O'Mara, Headteacher
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Letchworth Avenue
Chatham
Kent ME4 6NT
Telephone - (01634) 404277
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E-mail: headteacher@
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Salary: Main payscale
Full Time and Permanent
Required from: 1 September 2007
Closing date: 30 July 2007
To apply/more information
Mrs J Dunn, Headteacher
Rainham School for Girls
Derwent Way
Rainham
Gillingham
Kent ME8 0BX
Telephone - (01634) 362746
Fax - 01634 388334
Email: admin@rsg.org.uk

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LOCATION:
Deal
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Milestone House
Are you efficient, flexible and able to work with others? The candidate will need to be familiar with Sage Accounts And Payroll with integrated payroll banking through the computer network (BACS) Also knowledge of bookkeeping. Salary appropriate to the calibre of person sought. Please send CV with handwritten covering letter to: Lesley Stapleton, Milestone House, 188 London Road, Deal Kent, CT14 9PW.
TO APPLY:
Lesley Stapleton
Milestone House
Tel: 01304 381201
Email milestonehouse@aol.com

JOB TITLE:
Principal Accountants
LOCATION:
Whitstable
SALARY:
Starting salary £39,712 with progression through
COMPANY:
Kent County Council
Deficits and Compliance, Countywide but based at Clover House, Whitstable. Kent Children, Families and Education Finance has an enviable reputation in maintaining sound and robust financial management and this is a rare opportunity for you to join a team of professionals dedicated to providing quality services to the people of Kent in a challenging financial environment. A public sector background is not required, but you must bring a resilient and incisive approach and proven ability to multitask and balance conflicting priorities. Financial Management in Kent is very much a partnership with non-financial managers, and you must be able to demonstrate an ability to understand and communicate complex financial issues in a pressurised climate. As an excellent communicator, you will have regular liaison with senior officers and members, as well as supporting and influencing the Strategic and Operational decision making process within Kent Children, Families and Education. To apply visit www.kent.gov.uk, email us or telephone 08458 247 904 or minicom 08458 247 905 (charged at local rate) quoting the appropriate reference.
TO APPLY:
Kent County Council
Tel: 08458 247904
Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
31 July 2007

JOB TITLE:
Principal Accountants
LOCATION:
Maidstone
SALARY:
Starting salary £39,712 with progression through
COMPANY:
Kent County Council
Unit Manager Support, Countywide but based at Kroner House, Ashford and Sessions House, Maidstone. Kent Children, Families and Education Finance has an enviable reputation in maintaining sound and robust financial management and this is a rare opportunity for you to join a team of professionals dedicated to providing quality services to the people of Kent in a challenging financial environment. A public sector background is not required, but you must bring a resilient and incisive approach and proven ability to multitask and balance conflicting priorities. Financial Management in Kent is very much a partnership with non-financial managers, and you must be able to demonstrate an ability to understand and communicate complex financial issues in a pressurised climate. As an excellent communicator, you will have regular liaison with senior officers and members, as well as supporting and influencing the Strategic and Operational decision making process within Kent Children, Families and Education. To apply visit www.kent.gov.uk, email or telephone 08458 247 904 or minicom 08458 247 905 (charged at local rate) quoting the appropriate reference.
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CLOSING DATE
31 July 2007

ADMINISTRATION, SECRETARIAL, PA

JOB TITLE:
Administrator/Personal Assistant
LOCATION:
Tonbridge
SALARY:
Negotiable
COMPANY:
Anthony Rowcliffe
Anthony Rowcliffe & Son ltd are a successful and established family run importers and distributors of quality cheese and charcuterie products who supply a variety of retailers across the UK, Ireland and Channel Islands and are based in Paddock Wood. We are currently looking for an experienced, energetic and creative PA/Administrator to assist the Sales Director and Group Account Controller with the day to day administration and communication to our clients. Excellent communication skills, knowledge of all Microsoft software (Word, Excel PowerPoint and Access) and administration skills are essential. This role is varied and interesting and duties will include daily communication with the sales reps, updating and maintaining company website, organisation of diaries and travel arrangements, processing orders for keys accounts, producing marketing information for our products and producing presentations for the Sales Director and Group Account Controller. This role will also involve some travel to visit clients and food exhibitions. The ideal candidate will be friendly, easy going and a team player with a proactive attitude. To apply for this position please email your CV (with the job title in the subject heading) to gemmabradley@rowcliffe.co.uk with your salary expectations.
TO APPLY:
Gemma Bradley
Anthony Rowcliffe
Email
gemmabradley@rowcliffe.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
July 30th 2007

JOB TITLE:
PA to Director
LOCATION:
Margate
SALARY:
£17,842 - £19,572 pa
COMPANY:
Kent County Council
We are looking for an extremely efficient and organised individual to work with the Director. You must enjoy working in a creative environment with an attention to detail and ability to see the bigger picture. An excellent communicator with an interest in the visual arts, you will provide a range of support functions to the Director.
TO APPLY:
Victoria Pomery
Kent County Council
Tel: 01843 280268
Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk

JOB TITLE:
Service Administrator
LOCATION:
Hythe
SALARY:
Circa £13,500
COMPANY:
Landmarc Support Services Limited
Landmarc Support Services Limited are looking for an efficient and flexible person as an Service Administrator to join a small team. This is a busy and varied role involving data entry and related administration. The successful candidate will ideally have previous office experience and be confident in using Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook, with the ability to work on your own initiative as well as part of a team. The post will involve maintaining filing and storage retrieval systems paper-based and electronic; photocopying and distribution of various documents; minute taking at various meetings as required and other associated administrative/secretarial support. The company is open to flexible working practices. Benefits included 25 day's annual leave and Contributory Stakeholder pension.
TO APPLY:
Jennifer Connell
Landmarc Support Services Limited
Tel: 01303 225930
Email
martin.burke@landmarc.mod.uk
CLOSING DATE
27th July 2007

AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, ENVIRONMENT

JOB TITLE:
Experienced Tree Surgeon/Climber
LOCATION:
Bromley
SALARY:
£30K per annum plus private health care
COMPANY:
J.C.Landscapes
All relevant NPTC certificates. Clean driving licence. Permanent position in the Bromley area.
TO APPLY:
Jim Cavie
J.C.Landscapes
Tel: 01689 811833
Email jim@jclandscapesltd.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Unit Catering Manager
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
Medway Scale C1 £15,825 - £20,895 (pro rata)
COMPANY:
Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School
We require a dedicated person with enthusiasm, flare, excellent communication skills and a commitment to our Healthy Eating Policy. Applicants should have at least an Intermediate Food Hygiene Certificate, but City and Guilds or an NVQ qualification would be preferable. This position is term time with ten days to be worked during the holidays. Please telephone for an application form which should be returned along with CV naming two referees.
TO APPLY:
Julie Freeman
Sir Joseph Williamson's
Mathematical School
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LOCATION:
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SALARY:
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COMPANY:
All About Care Ltd
(to cover Maternity Leave) To provide balanced, healthy meals for up to 34 clients in a Residential Care Home. Catering for various dietary needs. Basic Food Hygiene Certificate essential as is experience in working in a residential setting. Vacancy will be for a minimum of 11 months.
TO APPLY:
Rose Revy
All About Care Ltd
Tel: 01227 742969
Email allaboutcare@btconnect.com

CHILD CARE

JOB TITLE:
After School Club Deputy Supervisor - Fuzzy Frogs Out of School Club, Margate
LOCATION:
Margate
SALARY:
£6.50 ph
COMPANY:
Thanet Early Years Project
Thanet Early Years Project Fuzzy Frogs Out of School Club, Salmestone School, Margate Deputy Supervisor - 13.75 hours per week term time only. We are looking to recruit a Deputy Supervisor at Fuzzy Frogs Out of School Club which is based at Salmestone School, Margate. Qualified to at least level 3 in childcare, you will supervise the running of the holiday club in the absence of the Manager. You should have experience of working with children in a childcare setting, be motivated, enthusiastic and possess a good sense of humour, in order to provide a high quality play environment for children attending the out of school club. You should be experienced in planning and organising staffing schedules, willing to take responsibility in the absence of the supervisor for day to day organisation of the setting, and have a clear understanding of the National Standards for Out of School Care and the KCC Safeguarding Children policy. If you are interested in this role, please contact Carina Harrison, Fuzzy Frogs Manager on 07999592263 You can request an application form and job description from Maria at Thanet Early Years by telephone on 01843 591200 or by email maria@thanetearlyyears.org. Interviews to be held in the week commencing 27th August 2007. All appointments are subject to full enhanced Criminal Records Bureau checks.
TO APPLY:
Maria Knight
Thanet Early Years Project
Tel: 01843 591200
Email maria@thanetearlyyears.org
CLOSING DATE
15th August 07

JOB TITLE:
Flexible Level 3 Qualified Creche Staff required in Thanet
LOCATION:
Ramsgate
SALARY:
£5.46 per hour plus holiday pay
COMPANY:
Thanet Early Years Project
Thanet Early Years Project area local childcare charity. We are looking to recruit to our bank of flexible creche staff. Are you looking for flexible work in childcare? Are you qualified to Level 3 or equivalent? We run creches at venues throughout Thanet and if you are qualified to a minimum of level 3 or equivalent, we would like to hear from you. You will need to be enthusiastic, motivated, a good team player and possess a good sense of humour. Creches can run from as little as two hours a week so if you are looking for work with children that could fit around your commitments, this may be just the job for you. We would particularly like to hear from you if you can work on a Tuesday! If you would like to discuss the position with the Creche Manager, who will be able to give you more details of hours and venues and what would be required, please contact Sharon on 07971177737. Applications must be made by completing our application form, which is available from Maria at Head Office. You can contact her on 01843 591200 or email her on maria@thanetearlyyears.org. We look forward to hearing from you. All appointments are subject to full enhanced CRB checks.
TO APPLY:
Maria Knight
Thanet Early Years Project
Tel: 01843 591200
Email maria@thanetearlyyears.org

JOB TITLE:
Flexible Level 3 Qualified Childcare Staff in Thanet
LOCATION:
Ramsgate
SALARY:
£5.46 ph hour plus holiday pay
COMPANY:
Thanet Early Years Project
Thanet Early Years Project Flexible Bank Staff in the Thanet area Are you looking for flexible work in childcare? During school hours or after? Are you qualified to Level 3 or equivalent? Thanet Early Years would like to increase its bank of flexible childcare staff who would be able to step in, often at the last moment, at a variety of settings throughout Thanet. You could be asked to work at an After School Club, cover a session in a pre-school or nursery - hours will be determined by the role to be covered. We run childcare provision at venues throughout Thanet and if you are qualified to a minimum of level 3 or equivalent, we would like to hear from you. You will need to be experienced in working in a childcare environment, be enthusiastic, motivated, a good team player and possess a good sense of humour. Most of all, you would need to be flexible and willing to consider all patterns of working. We are particularly looking for staff who can work Tuesdays! We cannot guarantee that you will have regular hours, but if you are looking for work with children that could fit around your commitments, this may be just the job for you. If you would like to discuss any aspects of the job with the Crèche Manager, who will be able to give you more details of what would be required, please contact Sharon on 07971177737. To apply, please contact Maria on 01843 591200 for an application form and job description, or email her on maria@thanetearlyyears.org. We look forward to hearing from you. All appointments are subject to full enhanced Criminal Records Bureau checks.
TO APPLY:
Maria Knight
Thanet Early Years Project
Tel: 01843 591200
Email maria@thanetearlyyears.org

JOB TITLE:
Residential Support Workerschild Care
LOCATION:
Thanet
SALARY:
£11.5k to £19.5k pa
COMPANY:
Bene Care
We are a new residential childcare Companyestablishing a Children's Home in East Kent. We are looking for colleagues who can grow with us to provide exceptional quality care for children and young people. You are a committed Residential Social Care Professional able to deal constructively with challenges set by children and young people between the ages of 8 - 18 in a care home setting. QUALIFICATIONS: NVQ 3 is preferable. However Training will be provided for applicants with evident potential and / or relevant experience.
TO APPLY:
Bene Care
Tel: 01227 369089
Email info@benecareltd.co.uk

CONSTRUCTION, ARCHITECTURE, SURVEYORS

JOB TITLE:
CONTRACTS SURVEYOR
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
GSE Group
Due to continued expansion of Ashford based GSE Group, GSE Design & Build Ltd require a Contracts Surveyor for projects in Kent for both Traditional and Design & Build contracts. The successful candidate should be experienced, self-motivated, enthusiastic and will be expected to appoint sub contractors, produce monthly valuations and final accounts. Please telephone Karen Burton for an application form.
TO APPLY:
Karen Burton
GSE Group
Tel: 01233 506327
Email karen.burton@gse-group.com

JOB TITLE:
Project Manager
LOCATION:
Gravesend
SALARY:
£neg + benefits package
COMPANY:
HANSA GWS
At Hansa-GWS not all our projects are quite so frenetic - but all carry the aspirations of our customers. Sainsburys, Tesco, Waitrose, Wilkinson, Homebase - all expecting the Team here in Gravesend to deliver store fit-out programmes in the most competitive, accurate and timely manner. The quality of your delivery will be an integral part of our retail account strategy – your ability to provide solutions to schedule, to budget and with exceptional customer service will be undeniable. The scope of your involvement will be from initial order to project completion and you will play an influential and important role in our account development. Excellent project management skills are required ideally supported by experience to run a mix of refits, rollouts, new stores and checkout installations programmes. You must be ambitious, self-motivated and computer literate in Microsoft products. You may be from an operational retail role with transferable skills or from retail construction/project management background. Attractive benefits package: Fully Expensed Company Car, 6% Non Contributory Pension Scheme, Private Healthcare, Life Insurance and 25 days holiday.
TO APPLY:
Emma Coomber
HANSA GWS
Tel: 01474 54 65 13
Email emma.coomber@hansa-gws.eu

JOB TITLE:
SITE AGENTS
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
GSE Group
Due to continued expansion of Ashford based GSE Group, GSE Design & Build Ltd require SITE AGENTS for projects in Kent for both Traditional and Design & Build contracts. Please telephone Karen Burton for an application form.
TO APPLY:
Karen Burton
GSE Group
Tel: 01233 506327
Email karen.burton@gse-group.com

CUSTOMER SERVICE, CALL CENTRE

JOB TITLE:
Customer Care Manager
LOCATION:
Broadstairs
SALARY:
Starting salary £29,190 with progression through
COMPANY:
Kent County Council
St Peters House, Broadstairs. Take charge of the leading component of our interface with the public. New regulations mean we have to sharpen our Complaints procedure. But learning from Complaints is just the first stage in putting customers at the heart of the Directorate's commissioning process. Beyond that we want to develop public involvement in the wider sense of enabling present/future users and carers to participate in our planning process and promote social inclusion and community regeneration. If you have relevant experience in the public or private or voluntary sector and have the intellectual ability, emotional intelligence, and determination to make a difference in this vital role, then we want to hear from you. This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure application to the Criminal Records Bureau. We are committed to service user and carer involvement and seek to involve service users and carers in our recruitment processes.
TO APPLY:
John Barnes
Kent County Council
Tel: 01843 860000
Email john.barnes@kent.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
3 August 2007

JOB TITLE:
Sales, Customer Service and Claims
LOCATION:
Folkestone
SALARY:
£13 - £16k OTE
COMPANY:
Saga
At Saga, we put people's needs first. Our customers to start with: the over 50s who trust us to provide a leading range of products and services. They also depend on us for excellent service, which is why our contact centre is so different. We want you to be yourself: welcoming, friendly and always willing to go that extra mile to make sure customers get the best from Saga. So there's no cold calling, you won't be reading from a script and there'll be nobody timing your calls. In other words, it's an opportunity to do things properly. With comprehensive training, a supportive environment and a range of superb benefits including a contributory pension scheme, medical insurance and an active social club, you can look forward to more than a rewarding new role – a great lifestyle too. Start getting more out of your work and write indicating your preferred area 'Sales', 'Customer Service' or 'Claims' and either 'Temporary' or 'Permanent', together with your CV, to Michelle Topley, HR Officer, Saga Group Limited, Middelburg Square, Folkestone, Kent CT20 1AZ.
TO APPLY:
Saga
Email human.resources@saga.co.uk

DOMESTIC

JOB TITLE:
3 Cleaning Operatives required
LOCATION:
Cranbrook
SALARY:
£6.50 per hour
COMPANY:
Regular Cleaning Services
2.5 hours per day, Monday - Friday. Contact 07949 022865 or 020 8690 4488.
TO APPLY:
Regular Cleaning Services
Tel: Contact 07949 022865 or 020 8690 4488
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Aim Higher Mentor
LOCATION:
Maidstone
SALARY:
Kent Scheme 5 £15,903 pro rata
COMPANY:
South Maidstone Federation
37 hours a week, term time only NLL Oldborough require you to inspire, motivate and challenge Year 10 and Year 11 students in order to widen participation of young people into higher education. You will have an understanding of challenging students needs and barriers to learning and act as a role model, mentor and advocate. Applicants must be effective communicators, able to maintain relationships with individuals in an educational context, encouraging them to realise their potential. This role is a fixed term contract to 31st August 2008. Please complete an application form. Forms can be downloaded from www.newlinelearning.com.
TO APPLY:
Charlotte Grindley
South Maidstone Federation
Tel: 01622 743152
Email charlotte.grindley@newlinelearning.com

JOB TITLE:
Full Time Trainer/ Assessor
LOCATION:
Gravesend
SALARY:
IRO £18,000 - £20,000 (with bonuses)
COMPANY:
Davidson Training UK Ltd
To assess Customer Service, retail & administration. Travel Expenses paid.
TO APPLY:
Mandy Watts
Davidson Training UK Ltd
Tel: 01474 335170
Email
suewilliams@davidsontraining.com

JOB TITLE:
Geography Teacher
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Main/Upper
COMPANY:
Chatham South School
Full time and Permanent.
TO APPLY:
Mr Vincent O'Mara
Chatham South School
Tel: 01634 404277
Email headteacher@chathamsouth.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
21st August 2007

JOB TITLE:
KS1 and KS 2 Teacher
LOCATION:
Rainham
SALARY:
Mainscale
COMPANY:
Miers Court Primary School
Full time and Permanent.
TO APPLY:
Mrs Sue Patterson
Miers Court Primary School
Tel: 01634 388943
Email enquiries@mierscourt.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
10th August 2007

JOB TITLE:
Music Teacher
LOCATION:
Rainham
SALARY:
Main payscale
COMPANY:
Rainham School for Girls
Full Time and Permanent.
TO APPLY:
Mrs J Dunn
Rainham School for Girls
Tel: 01634 362746
Email admin@rsg.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
30 July 2007

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JOB TITLE:
Part-time Bursar
LOCATION:
Gravesend
SALARY:
Starting salary £16,221, with progression through
COMPANY:
Kent County Council
18 hours per week + 6 hours performance contract @ Miracles Youth Centre, Gravesend. Organised and efficient, you will provide financial and administrative support to the centre. You will be responsible for ensuring that day-to-day maintenance issues are addressed to comply with Health and Safety guidelines. Experience of book-keeping, dealing with budgets and general administrative duties are essential requirements; computer skills are also required.

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You must be resourceful, organised, and be able to prioritise your workload. Kent Youth and Community is committed to safeguarding young people, and this post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau. For an informal discussion, please contact Jeremy Bede-Cox on 01622 694248.
TO APPLY:
Jeremy Bede-Cox
Kent County Council
Tel: 01622 694248
Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
27 July 2007

JOB TITLE:
Part-time Bursar
LOCATION:
Dartford
SALARY:
Starting salary £16,221, with progression with Contribution related pay to £17,842 pa pro rata
COMPANY:
Kent County Council
11 hours per week + 6 hours contract Ref: CD/07/165 Swan Valley Youth Centre and Fleetdown Library, Dartford. Organised and efficient, you will provide financial and administrative support to the centre. You will be responsible for ensuring that day-to-day maintenance issues are addressed to comply with Health and Safety guidelines. Experience of book-keeping, dealing with budgets and general administrative duties are essential requirements; computer skills are also required. You must be resourceful, organised, and be able to prioritise your workload. Kent Youth and Community is committed to safeguarding young people, and this post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau. For an informal discussion, please contact Jeremy Bede-Cox on 01622 694248. To apply visit www.kent.gov.uk, email or telephone 08458 247 904 or minicom 08458 247 905 (charged at local rate) quoting the appropriate reference.
TO APPLY:
Jeremy Bede-Cox
Kent County Council
Tel: 01622 694248
Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
27 July 2007

JOB TITLE:
Primary/Middle School Trained Teacher
LOCATION:
Aylesford
SALARY:
MPS
COMPANY:
Aylesford School - Sports College
ROLL 850 11 - 18 Mixed Foundation Secondary School Required for September 2007. Primary/Middle School Trained Teacher Main Scale Aylesford School - Sports College is an innovative forward looking Specialist Sports College. We have a strong community ethos where we put learners at the heart of everything we do. At Aylesford School - Sports College we can offer you:- • A brand new school. • Outstanding new facilities in all areas. • NQT/ New staff induction package that is second to none. ? A highly regarded CPD programme with personal professional pathways. • A buzzing and vibrant staff who are friendly and keen to help one another. • A forward looking curriculum with individualised pathways for students. We are looking for a committed professional who:- • Is able to start in September. • Is able to teach Literacy based subjects and Mathematics to Year 7 groups in a primary/middle school style. • Has the desire to make the difference. • Is focused on developing their career further. If you are keen to join our team at this exciting time in the development of our school please contact Mr. G Robertson, Deputy Headteacher on 01622 717341 for an informal chat about the post. In order for us to appoint before the end of tem applications by letter and CV ASAP via post, fax or e-mail to Miss Jill McKenna, on 01622-717341 ext 204(fax 01622 790580) E-mail: jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk.
TO APPLY:
Jill McKenna
Aylesford School - Sports College
Tel: 01622 717341
Email
jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
25th July 2007

JOB TITLE:
Science Teacher
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Main/Upper
COMPANY:
Chatham South School
Full time and Permanent.
TO APPLY:
Mr Vincent O'Mara
Chatham South School
Tel: 01634 404277
Email headteacher@chathamsouth.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
21st August 2007

ENGINEERING, MANUFACTURING, UTILITIES

JOB TITLE:
Technical Repair Engineer
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
£16 - £20K
COMPANY:
Hawk-Woods
Technical Repair Engineer. Hawk-Woods is a small friendly manufacturing company based in Ashford, Kent. We specialise in the production of batteries, chargers and adaptors for the Film & TV industry. We are currently seeking an experienced individual to carry out repairs at a component level to our manufactured equipment. The role would involve dealing with customer enquiries on a daily basis, whilst managing the repairs section of the Hawk-Woods business. An excellent telephone manner and good organisational skills are essential qualities for the successful candidate. Working 39 hours a week. Salary: £16,000 to £20,000 To apply for this position, please email a copy of your current CV to; vacancies@hawkwoods.com Alternatively you can post it marking for the attention of Brian Woodford to; Hawk-Woods Briscall House Kingsnorth Industrial Estate Ashford Kent TN23 6LN.
TO APPLY:
Brian Woodford
Hawk-Woods
Tel: 01233 638 715
Email vacancies@hawkwoods.com

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ESTATE AGENCY, PROPERTY

JOB TITLE:
NEW HOMES SALES PROFESSIONALS
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Halifax Land
As a result of numerous new and impending instructions to market major developments across the South of England, Halifax New Homes have a wide range of opportunities for Full, Part-time and Casual roles available in Kent and Sussex with one of the South's leading New Homes Specialists. Please forward C.V. and relevant details to Linda Tipping at Halifax Land & New Homes, Second Floor, 28 - 30 High Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 1XB or email your CV.
TO APPLY:
Linda Tipping
Halifax Land
Tel: 01892 533432
Email lindatipping@halifax.co.uk

HEALTH & SAFETY, SECURITY, DEFENSE

JOB TITLE:
General Hand - Crowborough (East Sussex)
LOCATION:
N/A
SALARY:
Circa £13,400
COMPANY:
Landmarc Support Services Limited
Landmarc Support Services Limited manages all the non-military operations on the MOD's Defence Training Estate, which is used by the Armed Forces to train soldiers to full operational capability. It included some 120 camps, training areas and ranges spread across 11 regions throughout the UK. Landmarc manages, maintains and operates the whole of the built estate and all training facilities and ranges, including targetry support for British Forces worldwide. With good communication and basic DIY skills, if you enjoy general decorating and repairs and can clean to set standards - then this role will provide plenty of variety! You'll carry out basic grounds maintenance, accommodation inspections and handovers/returns from users units, move stores and equipment and set up rooms for meetings and conferences. Benefits included 25 day's annual leave and Contributory Stakeholder pension.
TO APPLY:
Jennifer Connell
Landmarc Support Services Limited
Tel: 01303 225930
Email
martin.burke@landmarc.mod.uk
CLOSING DATE
27th July 2007

JOB TITLE:
General Hand
LOCATION:
Folkestone
SALARY:
Circa £13,400
COMPANY:
Landmarc Support Services Limited
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TO APPLY:
Jennifer Connell
Landmarc Support Services Limited
Tel: 01303 225930
Email
martin.burke@landmarc.mod.uk
CLOSING DATE
27th July 2007

JOB TITLE:
Maintenance Technician (Electrical 16th Edition)
LOCATION:
Hythe
SALARY:
Circa £20,000
COMPANY:
Landmarc Support Services Limited
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TO APPLY:
Jennifer Connell
Landmarc Support Services Limited
Tel: 01303 225930
Email
martin.burke@landmarc.mod.uk
CLOSING DATE
27th July 2007

INDUSTRIAL, WAREHOUSE, FACTORY

JOB TITLE:
Casual General Operatives
LOCATION:
Gravesend
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Sargents Ltd
Based at Belvedere and client sites in London Reporting to Operations Manager, the successful applicants will be self motivated, hard working and able to lift 17kgs. Previous Warehouse/Relocation experience preferred but not essential. Uniform and training provided.
TO APPLY:
Sargents Ltd
Tel: 07801 646169
Email
jacquelinenewman@sargents.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Experienced Removal Supervisors
LOCATION:
Gravesend
SALARY:
Between £20,000 and £35,000
COMPANY:
Sargents Ltd
Due to increased business commitments we are looking for experienced removal supervisors. per annum, including overtime. We are looking for applicants who have the following: • Supervisory experience within the Removal industry essential. • High standard of communication skills. • The ability to problem solve • Customer facing skills. Please forward your CV to: Brad Read, General Manager - Operations, Sargents Ltd, Fordgate Business Park, Crabtree Manorway North, Belvedere, Kent DA17 6AS.
TO APPLY:
Sargents Ltd
Email
jacquelinenewman@sargents.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Production / Inspection Worker
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
Up to £14,500
COMPANY:
Hawk-Woods
Hawk-Woods is a small friendly manufacturing company based in Ashford, Kent. We specialise in the production of batteries, chargers and adaptors for the Film & TV industry. Due to an increased workload we currently have a vacancy for an experienced Production Worker. The successful applicant will be part of an assembling team responsible for producing Hawk-Woods high quality range of equipment and carrying out low level test inspections. Applicants should be enthusiastic with a proven track record in production type work, having at least 2 years experience. Familiarity with wiring & light mechanical assembly and PCB assembly is a necessity. Full training will be given in the inspection elements of the role. Working 39 hours a week. Salary: Up to £14,500. To apply for this position, please email a copy of your current CV to; vacancies@hawkwoods.com Alternativley you can post it marking for the attention of Brian Woodford to; Hawk-Woods Briscall House Kingsnorth Industrial Estate Ashford Kent TN23 6LN.
TO APPLY:
Brian Woodford
Hawk-Woods
Tel: 01233 638 715
Email vacancies@hawkwoods.com

JOB TITLE:
TRADEPERSONS
LOCATION:
Hythe
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Charlier Construction
The following tradespersons are required as a result of an increase in our workload. CARPENTERS, PAINTERS, LABOURERS. Applicants should be able to work with the minimum of supervision and have a sound knowledge of their trade. Please apply in writing enclosing CV and references to 8-12 Stade Street, Hythe, Kent.
TO APPLY:
Charlier Construction
Tel: 01303 268211
Email
email@charlierconstruction.com

INFORMATION TECH, INTERNET, TELECOMS

JOB TITLE:
IT Assistant
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Dog World
Ashford-based publisher is looking for an IT Assistant to support the Operations Manager. Ideally you'll have experience of, or eagerness to learn, the following: Mac OS X,Windows XP, Office Suite, HTML, CSS, PHP and MySQL.Training will be provided on server maintenance, email systems, website development and software/hardware support. Experience of design packages and a keen eye for detail would be advantageous as the position will involve some graphical work. Good communication skills are essential. This position will become effective immediately. Location: Ashford, Kent Salary: Please specify salary expectation Hours: Monday - Friday 8.45am - 5.00pm. Holidays: 5 weeks per annum Benefits: BUPA, Pension, Employee Assistance Programme Please send CV to: Deborah Clark, Administration Manager, Dog World Limited, Somerfield House,Wotton Road, Ashford, Kent TN23 6LW or email: debbie.clark@dogworld.co.uk.
TO APPLY:
Deborah Clark
Dog World
Email debbie.clark@dogworld.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Telesales Person
LOCATION:
Lydd
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
DED
This position is to work as part of our sales team selling an exciting range of products and services. We are looking for an experienced and highly motivated telesales person who will be responsible for both cold calling and follow up calls to generate new sales leads. All applicants MUST have experience in a pro-active telesales role and be self motivated. The ability to use various software packages for Contact Management and Word Processing is also required. If you are hard-working and want a new and exciting challenge, then please send your CV to Elliot Davis.
TO APPLY:
Elliot Davis
DED
Tel: 01797 322595
Email elliot@ded.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Mortgage Advisors
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Mortgage Company
Experienced, fully CeMap qualified Mortgage Advisors are required to join our successful team. You will enjoy the benefit of working in a truly independent market for both mortgages and protection. The successful candidates will have a good understanding of the mortgage market and a proven track record in sales and first class customer care. The Mortgage Company is an expanding team If you are the person we are looking for, please send your CV to linda@tmckent.com or FAO: Linda Abu Saada, TMC, 21a Bank St, Ashford, Kent TN23 1DG.
TO APPLY:
Linda Abu Saada
Mortgage Company
Email linda@tmckent.com

JOB TITLE:
Sales Progressors/ Administrators
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Mortgage Company
The Successful candidates will be enthusiastic, target driven and preferably have experience or good knowledge of the mortgage, conveyancing and life insurance process although this is not essential as full training will be provided. If you are the person we are looking for, please send your CV to linda@tmckent.com or FAO: Linda Abu Saada, TMC, 21a Bank St, Ashford, Kent TN23 1DG.
TO APPLY:
Linda Abu Saada
Mortgage Company
Email linda@tmckent.com

MOTOR TRADE, DRIVER

JOB TITLE:
Delivery Driver/ Warehouse Person
LOCATION:
Meopham
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Key Fasteners LTD
Key Fasteners is a dynamic logistic supply company based in Hodsoll Street, near Meopham. We are looking to recruit a delivery driver/warehouse person to join our small, friendly team. Previous delivery driving and warehouse experience is an advantage but not essential. We are looking for a cheerful, reliable person as the job involves customer contact. Hours are 8.30am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday. Must be over 21 years old due to van insurance and have full, clean driving licence. Salary negotiable depending on experience. Immediate start available. Send your CV to: Key Fasteners, Unit 4, Pettings Court Farm, Hodsoll St, Wrotham, Kent TN15 7LH.
TO APPLY:
Key Fasteners LTD
Email enquiries@keyfasteners.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Experienced Technician
LOCATION:
Dartford
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Whitehouse Jeep Maidstone
As an experienced main dealer technician you will be fully skilled in all aspects of vehicle repairs and servicing, conversant with current diagnostic equipment, hold a full clean driving licence and be able to work as part of a dedicated and motivated team. Previous Jeep and Chrysler experience is not essential as a full training programme is in place. Please send your CV with a covering letter to Tim Collier, Service Manager, Whitehouse Crayford, Unit D, Acorn Industrial Estate, Crayford Road, Dartford DA1 4AL.
TO APPLY:
Tim Collier
Whitehouse Jeep Maidstone
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

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JOB TITLE:
Service Advisor
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Baileys Nissan
Reply CV to: David Jackson, Service Manager Westminster Road, Vauxhall Ind. Est, Canterbury, Kent.
TO APPLY:
David Jackson
Baileys Nissan
Tel: 01227 766777
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Vehicle Technician
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Baileys Nissan
Reply CV to: David Jackson, Service Manager Westminster Road, Vauxhall Ind. Est, Canterbury, Kent.
TO APPLY:
David Jackson
Baileys Nissan
Tel: 01227 766777
Email applications@kosmedia.co.uk

NOT FOR PROFIT, CHARITIES

JOB TITLE:
Consultants
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Case Kent
Consultants required in community development and voluntary and community sector development. Should have a successful track record of contracts, delivery across the Kent sub-region who are available for short term work on a variety of contracts that CASE Kent is delivering. E-mail for more information or summary of your experience to: Gillianwells@casekent.org.uk.
TO APPLY:
Gillian Wells
Case Kent
Tel: 01233 610171
Email gillianwells@casekent.org.uk

JOB TITLE:
Thanet Early Years Project, a Local Childcare Charity, seeks additional Trustees
LOCATION:
Ramsgate
SALARY:
Voluntary
COMPANY:
Thanet Early Years Project
Thanet Early Years Project is the largest childcare provider in Thanet, and we are looking for individuals with clear values and standards with a little spare time to join our Board of Trustees. Thanet Early Years Project is a local voluntary organisation with charitable status. It was established in 1987 as a response to community concern back by demographic data. We are particularly looking for people with a background in one or more of the following: Finance, Charity Management and Administration Personnel, IT Skills, Business Skills Child Care Family Support Property Management Health and Safety. This is a voluntary position, and there is an expectation of commitment to attend one Board Meeting per month, which is held in the evening, plus additional duties as they arise. If you feel you would be interested in joining our Board of Trustees, then please contact Maria Knight who will arrange for an expression of interest form and an information pack to be sent out to you. Please contact her at Thanet Early Years Project on 01843 591200, or you can email maria@thanetearlyyears.org. We do look forward to hearing from you and thank you for taking the time to read this advertisement.
TO APPLY:
Maria Knight
Thanet Early Years Project
Tel: 01843 591200
Email maria@thanetearlyyears.org

JOB TITLE:
Trustees
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
Unsalaried
COMPANY:
Case Kent
CASE Kent are looking for trustees who are committed to the voluntary and community sector in the districts of Ashford, Shepway or Dover. The CASE Kent Board meets quarterly and trustees are responsible for the strategic direction of this organisation which acts as the focal point for 780 voluntary and community groups across South East Kent. For more information, e-mail Gillianwells@casekent.org.uk or telephone 01233 610171.
TO APPLY:
Gillian Wells
Case Kent
Tel: 01233 610171
Email gillianwells@casekent.org.uk

NURSING, MEDICINE, CARE WORK

JOB TITLE:
Are you a people person?
LOCATION:
Thanet
SALARY:
£15,223 - £16,035 (pro rata for part time)
COMPANY:
MCCH
Are you a people person? Do you like doing new things? Well….read on……because we do new things every day. We like to go out and do lots of things and we need people like you to do them with us. We have opportunities for people like you in Thanet. Some involve seeing people with learning disabilities who live at home, some involve going to work placements and some involve socialising and doing fun stuff like bowling, swimming and football. Don't worry if you haven't had experience supporting someone in their life before as we'll make sure

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you get the right training. You could work full or part time hours so If you'd like to apply, please ring for an application form quoting relevant reference number. We also have large type/Braille available on request. Alternatively, apply on line at www.mcch.co.uk. All appointments are subject to a Criminal Records Disclosure.
TO APPLY:
Joan Pearce
MCCH
Tel: 01622 769109
Email j.pearce@mcch.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
27th July 2007

JOB TITLE:
Are you a people person?
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
£15,223 - £16,035 (pro rata for part time)
COMPANY:
MCCH
Are you a people person? Do you like doing new things? Well….read on……because we do new things every day. We like to go out and do lots of things and we need people like you to do them with us. We have opportunities for people like you in Ashford involving seeing people with learning disabilities who live at home, some involve going to work placements and some involve socialising and doing fun stuff like bowling, swimming and football. Don't worry if you haven't had experience supporting someone in their life before as we'll make sure you get the right training. You could work full or part time hours. If you'd like to apply, please ring for an application form quoting relevant reference number. We also have large type/Braille available on request. Alternatively, apply on line at www.mcch.co.uk. All appointments are subject to a Criminal Records Disclosure.
TO APPLY:
Joan Pearce
MCCH
Tel: 01622 769109
Email j.pearce@mcch.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
27th July 2007

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Are you a people person?
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
£15,223 - £16,035 (pro rata for part time)
COMPANY:
MCCH
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TO APPLY:
Joan Pearce
MCCH
Tel: 01622 769109
Email j.pearce@mcch.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
27th July 2007

JOB TITLE:
Are you a people person?
LOCATION:
Isle of Sheppey
SALARY:
£15,223 - £16,035 (pro rata for part time)
COMPANY:
MCCH
Are you a people person? Do you like doing new things? Well….read on……because we do new things every day. We like to go out and do lots of things and we need people like you to do them with us. We have opportunities for people like you in Isle of Sheppey & Maidstone involving seeing people with learning disabilities who live at home, some involve going to work placements and some involve socialising and doing fun stuff like bowling, swimming and football. Don't worry if you haven't had experience supporting someone in their life before as we'll make sure you get the right training. You could work full or part time hours and the salary is If you'd like to apply, please ring for an application form quoting relevant reference number. We also have large type/Braille available on request. Alternatively, apply on line at www.mcch.co.uk. Fixed term 6 months. All appointments are subject to a Criminal Records Disclosure.
TO APPLY:
Joan Pearce
MCCH
Tel: 01622 769109
Email j.pearce@mcch.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
27th July 2007

JOB TITLE:
Clinical Adviser
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
Equivalent to Band 6
COMPANY:
Adastra Software Ltd
As our business grows and develops there is a greater need for clinical input at all levels within the company. In order to fulfill this demand the clinical department now has a need to expand its team. This is an excellent opportunity for an individual who wants to develop their career in a new and challenging way. The post involves some travel to customer sites around the UK principally advising on Out of Hours clinical matters and all aspects of nurse prescribing. Current NMC registration together with experience in the Out of Hours or a Walk-in Centre environment is preferred. You will be an excellent organiser with good communication skills and a sound knowledge of Microsoft Office. For further information and role profile please visit our website.
TO APPLY:
Adastra Software Ltd
Email rosetta.tagg@adastra.com
CLOSING DATE
3rd August 2007

JOB TITLE:
Full Time Dental Receptionist
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Marden Dental Surgery
The position involves making appointments, answering telephone calls, dealing with patients, general admin duties. Please use contact details below.
TO APPLY:
Nicola Verrall
Marden Dental Surgery
Tel: 01622 831556/07860 560051
Email
info@mardendentalsurgery.com

JOB TITLE:
Part time Weekend Carer
LOCATION:
Herne Bay
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
All About Care Ltd
NVQ2 in care is desirable but not essential.
TO APPLY:
Rose Revy
All About Care Ltd
Tel: 01227 742969
Email allaboutcare@btconnect.com

JOB TITLE:
Registered General Nurse
LOCATION:
Medway
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Primecare Forensic Medical
You will become part of a highly skilled multi disciplinaryteam, which includes Nurse, Doctors and associated specialists. The successful candidate will have: - • A first level qualification • Self motivation and enthusiasm • Ability to deliver health education and promotion to young people/staff • And posses both personal and professional confidence • Sound Clinical knowledge • A valid NMC registration • One years post registration experience preferred but not essential • Additional training to enhance nursing and knowledge specific to the secure environment Due to the secure nature of this post, successful candidates will only be awarded a position subject to successful Home Office Security Clearance and an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau check. For an application pack please telephone 01634 842691 or e-mail sarah.mason@primecare.uk.net Closing date for all applications is 2 weeks from the date of this advertisement. Primecare is an equal opportunities Employer and operates a no Smoking policy www.primecare.uk.net.
TO APPLY:
Primecare Forensic Medical
Tel: 01634 842691
Email
sarah.mason@primecare.uk.net

JOB TITLE:
Residential Support Workers
LOCATION:
London
SALARY:
£18,267 per annum
COMPANY:
Community Options
This role offers: • High quality training • Support and supervision to enable you to manage well in an environment that is stimulating, rewarding and challenging • A chance to participate in recovery and person centred work • The chance to be part of a committed and experienced team In return we are looking for: • Skills in engaging and motivating people • Communication skills • An understanding and interest in Mental Health • NVQ Level 2 or willingness to undertake an NVQ level 2 in Care For an application form contact us on: 020 8313 9725 or write to Community Options 40a Napier Road, Bromley BR2 9JA or visit our website: www.community-options.org.uk.
TO APPLY:
Community Options
Tel: 020 8313 9725
Email kelly.hudson@community-options.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
8th August 2007

PUBLIC RELATIONS, MEDIA, JOURNALISM

JOB TITLE:
Account Director
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
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PUBLIC SECTOR, SOCIAL SERVICES

JOB TITLE:
Audience Development Officer
LOCATION:
Margate
SALARY:
£29,190 - £34,507 pa
COMPANY:
Kent County Council
Maternity cover to start September 2007 This is an exciting moment for you to join the team at Turner Contemporary. We are looking for an enthusiastic and creative individual to manage a small team, deliver projects and devise programmes for the future. Working closely with the Director and the Management Team, you should have experience of gallery education, knowledge of contemporary and historical art, excellent communication and organisational skills and a flexible approach to working with artists and audiences.
TO APPLY:
Kent County Council
Tel: 01843 280268
Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk

JOB TITLE:
Day Programmes Service Co-Ordinator
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
£23,175 - £27,492 (SCP 29 - 35) (pay award pending)
COMPANY:
KCA (UK)
You will work in close collaboration with the Service Manager to ensure the efficient and effective running of the Day Programme Service within the locality.You will support the Service Manager in providing a structured day programme to DRR and Voluntary Service Users ensuring that the Day Programme fully meets its' contractual requirements. Responsibilities will include the planning and delivery of groups, the line management of staff ensuring that the day programmes are integrated within the locality and within the organisation.You will work closely with partner agencies within an agreed strategic framework.You should be committed to the principles and practice of equality of opportunity to service users and staff. You should have comprehensive experience within the drug & alcohol field, coupled with sound organisational skills, including the ability to plan and prioritise your own workload.You should have experience of working within a group work setting and be qualified to diploma level or hold a professional qualification within a relevant field. For an application form contact: KCA (UK) Dan House, 44 East Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8AT. Tel: 01795 590635, Fax: 01795 539351, email marina@kca.org.uk.
TO APPLY:
Linda Ranger
KCA (UK)
Tel: 01227 781 297
Email marina@kca.org.uk.
CLOSING DATE
3rd August 2007

JOB TITLE:
Democratic Services Assistant
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
Circa £18,500 - £22,500 pa
COMPANY:
Gravesham Borough Council
You will have proven experience of working in an office environment undertaking a wide range of duties including attending committee meetings, minute taking and diary management and have an understanding of the working of a local authority or other large organisation. Competent IT and word processing skills are essential. You will be required to attend Council and Committee meetings which take place in the evening. Ref: DSA/SW. For an application form and job description please contact: Customer Services Gravesham Borough Council, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU. Website http://www.gravesham.gov.uk Gravesham Borough Council is working towards equal opportunities and welcomes applications from all sections of the community. The council also operates a no smoking policy.
TO APPLY:
Gravesham Borough Council
Tel: 01474 33 70 00
Email customer.services
@gravesham.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
27th July 2007

JOB TITLE:
Driver/Loader
LOCATION:
Sevenoaks
SALARY:
£16,659 to £21,417 p.a.
COMPANY:
Sevenoaks District Council
Plus a final salary contributory pension scheme 'Clean Kent' is a partnership between Kent County Council and the twelve District Councils in Kent whose task is to increase the perception that Kent is a clean county. Three high profile 'Clean Kent' cleansing units are being jointly funded to cover four district Council areas each within west Kent, mid-Kent and east Kent. You will be part of a two person team crewing one of these cleansing units. You will provide general and specialist cleansing services and other street scene duties within the environment in various locations throughout west Kent. The district areas covered comprise Dartford, Gravesham, Sevenoaks and Tunbridge Wells. You will report daily to KCC's Clean Kent Environmental Crime and Street Scene Manager and relevant District Cleansing Representatives to co-ordinate your cleansing and street scene duties. This post is based at Dunbrik Depot, Sundridge, but work requirements may dictate that the Clean Kent vehicle is parked overnight at another district council's depot in North or West Kent for periods of one or two weeks at a time. The post holder will be required to make his/her own arrangements for travel to and from the overnight parking place of the Clean Kent vehicle. For an informal discussion about this post, please contact John Cox, Cleansing Manager on 01959 567375.
TO APPLY:
John Cox
Sevenoaks District Council
Tel: 01959 567375
Email
recruitment@sevenoaks.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
6th August 2007

JOB TITLE:
Fundraising Campaign Assistant
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
£19,872 to £21,792 pa pro rata 30 hours per week
COMPANY:
Canterbury City Council
The Marlowe Theatre is one of the most successful theatres in the south east. The theatre's redevelopment will create a new centre of excellence for the performing arts, with an extended main auditorium, a studio space, café, bars, training and learning areas and a new city centre piazza and riverside walk. The Marlowe Theatre Development Trust will lead a fundraising campaign with a target of £6 million and we are now looking to recruit two exciting posts to the Campaign Office to ensure the successful delivery of this campaign. The Fundraising Campaign Assistant will play a vital role in the campaign, providing administrative and fundraising support, and events co-ordination, to the Campaign Office, the Campaign Board and its subgroups. You will be enthusiastic, enjoy working as part of a small team and able to prioritise and manage a varied workload. You will have excellent administrative, organisational, communication and IT skills, with the ability to liaise with a diverse audience. This is an ideal post for someone keen to learn about trust and major donor fundraising and to gain an insight into the strategy behind a substantial capital fundraising appeal. For a confidential discussion please contact Jane Redman on 01227 862 592 or e-mail jane.redman@canterbury.gov.uk. We prefer applications on-line, please visit www.canterbury.gov.uk/jobs, or e-mail jobs@canterbury.gov.uk for an application pack, quoting the job reference. Alternatively, telephone 01227 862 072 (24 hour answerphone). We can supply application packs in Braille or large print format if required. Interviews to be held in Canterbury: 3 August 2007
TO APPLY:
Jane Redman
Canterbury City Council
Tel: 01227 862592
Email
jane.redman@canterbury.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
25 July 2007

JOB TITLE:
HGV Fitter
LOCATION:
Sevenoaks
SALARY:
£19,515p.a. to £25,959 p.a
COMPANY:
Sevenoaks District Council
Plus a final salary contributory pension scheme To assist in the servicing, testing and maintenance of the Council's fleet of vehicles and carry out MOT tests and tests on hackney carriage and public hire vehicles as required. To assist in the day to day running of the vehicle workshop. You will need a positive proactive approach to working with a wide range of contacts, be self-motivated and able to work on own initiative as well as in a team.You must be able to cope well under pressure and deal effectively with difficult situations, be decisive, reliable and responsible, and committed to customer care and quality.You will also need 'hands on' experience of commercial vehicle maintenance operations. Preferably hold a Category C LGV Driving Licence, and have an understanding of VOSA standards and maintenance requirements with respect to operator licensing. Experience of light van and truck maintenance is essential. Starting salary will be dependent upon skills and experience. For an informal discussion about this post, please contact Steve Allard on 01959-567376.
TO APPLY:
Steve Allard
Sevenoaks District Council
Tel: 01959-567376
Email
recruitment@sevenoaks.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
17th August 2007

JOB TITLE:
Internal Audit Auditor
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
Circa £16,500 - £20,500 pa
COMPANY:
Gravesham Borough Council
The Internal Audit Team provides an independent assurance function reporting on the adequacy of the Council's control environment as a contribution to the proper, economic, efficient and effective use of resources. With the confidence to challenge existing practices and procedures whilst undertaking programmed audit reviews and business risk assessments, you will work with management to identify and address control weakness and improve efficiency. Excellent analytical, communication and IT skills are essential as well as the ability to work to prescribed deadlines both individually and as a team member often under pressure. Educationally, you will have attained a minimum of GCSE Mathematics and English grade A - C or equivalent. Audit experience, full or part qualified MIIA/CIPFA and a clean driving licence are also desirable although not essential. Ref: For an application form and job description please contact: Customer Services Gravesham Borough Council, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU. Website http://www.gravesham.gov.uk Gravesham Borough Council is working towards equal opportunities and welcomes applications from all sections of the community. The council also operates a no smoking policy.
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Email customer.services
@gravesham.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
27th July 2007

JOB TITLE:
Planning Officer/Senior Planning Officer
LOCATION:
Sevenoaks
SALARY:
£16,659 p.a. - £35,508 p.a. rising to £37,158 p.a.
COMPANY:
Sevenoaks District Council
Plus a final salary contributory pension scheme. We are currently recruiting trainee planners to work in our Development Control Team. This is a career graded post and will require the successful candidate to undertake day release training to obtain either a Diploma or Masters in Town Planning. If you have excellent communication skills, good time management, a focus on team working, customer care skills and the desire to create and maintain a high-quality physical environment, you would contribute to the team. If you are someone that meets these criteria and enjoys working in a busy, friendly and sociable environment then please consider this post. Starting salary will be dependent upon skills and experience. For an informal discussion about this post, please contact Gilian Macinnes on 01732 227313 or email gilian.macinnes@sevenoaks.gov.uk. Our staff benefits package includes, a final salary contributory pension scheme, flexible annual leave and working arrangements, free membership of Sencio's Leisure Centres in the District, a childcare vouchers scheme, free car parking at place of work and excellent training and development opportunities.
TO APPLY:
Human Resources
Sevenoaks District Council
Tel: 01732 227102
Email
recruitment@sevenoaks.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
30th July 2007

JOB TITLE:
Principal Contracts Officer
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
£25,701 - £29,328 per annum
COMPANY:
Thanet District Council
Thanet is a great place to live and work. Our historic seaside towns of Ramsgate, Margate and Broadstairs are rich in heritage and opportunity. From the multi-million pound Turner Contemporary Gallery, the planned fast speed rail link to London, and the popular Westwood Cross shopping centre - this is an exciting time to join Thanet District Council. We are determined to improve the quality of life for local people.We believe that by listening to local people, working in active partnership and by being prepared to do things in an innovative way we can accelerate improvement and best meet the challenges ahead. The Principal Contracts Officer will be a member of the Procurement Team and act as key advisor to the organisation on preparation and compliant letting of contracts, contract management and related issues. You will be supporting the work of the Procurement & Facilities Manager in developing comprehensive contracts and strategies to deliver the Council's Procurement Strategy and a 4 year Procurement and Value for Money programme in support of the Council's overall business aims and objectives. The main duties and responsibilities of this post are the preparation of tender documentation and to assist in the development of processes and systems as required to enable the efficient management of the contracting and procurement process. Advise and develop contract compliance mechanisms, performance indicators, evaluation and monitoring of contracts and agreements. To actively participate and contribute on behalf of the team within appropriate meetings and procurement projects. You will be Cips qualified and have a proven track record within the field of procurement, ideally you will have gained your experience within the Public Sector, Government Agency or related sector, specifically having a working knowledge of the following: • EU Legislation • Tendering Processes • Working to Framework Agreements You must be able to demonstrate excellent communication skills both written and verbal, a willingness to challenge others and possess a strong customer focus as you will be working closely with budget holders and will need to understand their requirements in order to get them value for their money. Flexible working will be a key feature offered to the right candidate with structure of working week and hours fully negotiable. All posts include generous annual leave, flexible working, negotiated hours, entry into a medical health scheme, free car parking or subsidised bus pass, as well as access to the local government final salary pension scheme. For an application form and job description for this position, please contact the Human Resources Unit, telephone (01843) 577175 (24 hours), e-mail personnel@thanet.gov.uk alternatively you can apply online at www.thanet.gov.uk/jobs. Thanet District Council operates a no smoking policy and is an equal opportunities employer actively working towards a commitment to employing people with disabilities. Interviews will be held on 28th August 2007.
TO APPLY:
Human Resources Unit
Thanet District Council
Tel: 01843 577175
Email personnel@thanet.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
6th August 2007

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JOB TITLE:
Sessional Psychological Therapists
LOCATION:
Ramsgate
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Ethelbert Children's Services
We require Sessional Therapists to join our multi-disciplinary pool of professionals who are able to offer individual Psychotherapy Therapy, Counselling, Life story Work, Anger Management and Cognitive Behaviour Therapy. Applicants, will be accredited by BACP and/or UKCP registered and be qualified to a minimum of diploma level. Knowledge of working with clients with learning difficulties would be beneficial. For informal discussions please contact Lynda Marshall or Sarah Tait on 01843 571079.
TO APPLY:
Lynda Marshall
Ethelbert Children's Services
Tel: 01843 823762
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

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JOB TITLE:
Trusts and Foundations Fundraiser
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
£27,309 to £32,046 pa 37 hours per week
COMPANY:
Canterbury City Council
The Marlowe Theatre is one of the most successful theatres in the south east. The theatre's redevelopment will create a new centre of excellence for the performing arts, with an extended main auditorium, a studio space, café, bars, training and learning areas and a new city centre piazza and riverside walk. The Marlowe Theatre Development Trust will lead a fundraising campaign with a target of £6 million and we are now looking to recruit two exciting posts to the Campaign Office to ensure the successful delivery of this campaign. Working closely with the Trusts Action Group, this is an ideal opportunity for a fundraising professional to manage all aspects of the Trusts Fundraising Strategy for this ambitious campaign. You will be a motivated self-starter with a proven track record of securing substantial funds from grant-making trusts and foundations. You will have the ability to match elements of the project to the criteria of prospective funders, first-class written and communication skills, and the ability to analyse, interpret and present information to create attractive funding proposals. You will also have the organisational and people management skills necessary to support the work of the volunteer Trusts Action Group. For a confidential discussion please call or e-mail Jane Redman. We prefer applications on-line, please visit www.canterbury.gov.uk/jobs, or e-mail jobs@canterbury.gov.uk for an application pack, quoting the job reference. Alternatively, telephone 01227 862 072 (24 hour answerphone). We can supply application packs in Braille or large print format if required. Interviews to be held in Canterbury: 2 August 2007.
TO APPLY:
Jane Redman
Canterbury City Council
Tel: 01227 862592
Email
jane.redman@canterbury.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
25 July 2007

JOB TITLE:
Young Careers Project Coordinator
LOCATION:
Gillingham
SALARY:
£16,300 per annum (pro rata)
COMPANY:
Medway Carers Centre
30 hours per week based in Medway and funded conditionally until March 2008. The post holder will have a key role in supporting young carers aged 5 -18 years within Medway, both individually & in groups. As a young carers support worker you will work with young carers and their families, ensuring support and information are available and accessible. You will also support young carers in a variety of community and school settings in Medway and ensure young carers have a break from caring responsibilities. You will be required to work flexible hours to include some evenings, weekends and school holidays.
TO APPLY:
Liz Chapman
Medway Carers Centre
Tel: 01634 852458
Email Medwaycarers@aol.com
CLOSING DATE
29th July 2007

RETAIL, WHOLESALE, SALES

JOB TITLE:
Assistant Manager & Sales Advisors
LOCATION:
Sevenoaks
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Laura Ashley
We're building a dedicated sales team to increase the volume and value of every sale. You'll need to be confident, flexible, and enthusiastic and have a real flair for making our customers feel relaxed and cared for. Attractive salaries, substantial staff discounts, superb training and development programmes. Send your CV with a covering letter to: Andrea Wiltshire, Laura Ashley, 62 High Street, Bromley, Kent, BR1 1EY.
TO APPLY:
Andrea Wiltshire
Laura Ashley
Email
Andrea.wiltshire@lauraashley.com

JOB TITLE:
Closers
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
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COMPANY:
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LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
£1000 Commission and bonus per average deal.
COMPANY:
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Party Planner
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
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COMPANY:
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Join Ann Summers & work hours to suit. £40 - £60 per night Full training given NO outlay New catalogue available Party bookings also taken.
TO APPLY:
Sheila
Ann Summers (Sheila Coast)
Tel: 07969595120
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

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Sales Designers
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
OTE of £50k+
COMPANY:
Kitchens Direct
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Steve Hefford
Kitchens Direct
Tel: 01622 663477
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Sales Engineer
LOCATION:
Maidstone
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Undisclosed
A knowledge of Hydraulic and Pneumatics preferred but not essential. A self- motivated person is required to develop existing business and generate new business within a targeted area utilising their own skills. Salary negotiable depending on experience, with a profit related bonus scheme. Should you wish to become a part of this well-established business please send your CV to: Box Number 118, KOS Media Ltd, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent TN25 6SR.
TO APPLY:
Undisclosed
Email
vacancy.personnel@hotmail.com

JOB TITLE:
Sales Executives
LOCATION:
Maidstone
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Dutton Forshaw Maidstone
Due to continued expansion of our Parkwood Maidstone operations we are currently seeking high calibre individuals to work as part of our existing sales team. The absolute requirement is for bright individuals who are not afraid to give full commitment to a career that will offer considerable reward and the opportunity for career progression. Dutton-Forshaw is one the country's leading Motor Groups that operate from facilities to be proud of. Our commitment is to offer ongoing and professional training that enables all employees to maximise their potential. If you have a the qualities that we require and think you can meet and exceed our expectations please write in confidence, enclosing an up to date cv to: Andrew Wood, Sales Manager, Dutton Forshaw, Bircholt Road, Parkwood Industrial Estate Maidstone Kent ME15 9XL.
TO APPLY:
Andrew Wood
Dutton Forshaw Maidstone
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Seasonal Retail Sales Assistants
LOCATION:
Hythe
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Howletts Wild Animal Park
Howletts Wild Animal Park is currently recruiting for temporary Retail Sales Assistants to work over the busy summer season. We are looking for motivated individuals who understand the importance of customer care. Previous experience in a customer sales role would be an advantage but not essential as training will provided. Working flexible hours to meet the needs of the business up to a maximum of 40 hours a week worked over five days, including weekends. We require applicants to be available for an immediate start and to work until 31st October 2007. Please apply in writing, stating the post applied for and why you should be selected to: Human Resources Department, Port Lympne Wild Animal Park, Nr Hythe, Kent. CT21 4PD.
TO APPLY:
Howletts Wild Animal Park
Email personnel@howletts.net

JOB TITLE:
Service Advisor
LOCATION:
Dartford
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Beadles Group Ltd
Volkswagen at Dartford, Bromley and Sevenoaks Due to internal promotions, we now require a number of Service Advisors at our VW dealerships. The successful candidates, for this front of house position, should have previous experience in customer service. You should be pro-active and be able to manage, evaluate and move forward the customer experience ensuring the highest level of customer care and satisfaction at all times. You should be methodical and flexible in your approach to your duties and enjoy working well within a team. Good keyboard skills together with an outgoing personality are also required to meet the challenges of this demanding role. Please reply, enclosing your C.V to: Garry Pont, Beadles Group Ltd, 370 Princes Road, Dartford, Kent, DA1 1LN.
TO APPLY:
Garry Pont
Beadles Group Ltd
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Stock Administrator
LOCATION:
Dartford
SALARY:
Up to £15K plus benefits
COMPANY:
HANSA GWS
The GWS Group is a success story at the cutting edge of the retail service industry, providing a variety of shopfitting design and installation solutions to a growing number of blue chip organisations. This is an excellent opportunity for an experienced administrator to join our Stock team. This role will involve booking in/out of various shopfitting components, monitoring the integrity of data o n our computerised system and ensuring the correct information is passed to the relevant teams in a timely manner. You will also have to ensure that stock levels are shown correctly on our computerised system and investigate any discrepancies and report on your findings. The successful candidate will ideally come from a background within warehousing and distribution environment. You will have a good level of administration and organisational skills be an effective communicator and have a good knowledge of Excel. Own transport is essential for this role, as it is based at our Dartford site at Littlebrook Business Centre, Canterbury Way, Dartford Kent. DA1 5PZ. Hours of Work: Monday - Friday 9.00 am to 5.30 pm (During busy periods a rota system operates for a one in three Saturday with a 7.5 hr shift working pattern between 6 am and 8 pm.)
This position includes an attractive benefits package: 6% non contributory pension scheme Private healthcare Life insurance 25 days holiday Applications to: Emma Coomber GWS (UK) Ltd East Mill Imperial Business Park Gravesend Kent DA11 0DL.
TO APPLY:
Emma Coomber
HANSA GWS
Tel: 01474 54 65 13
Email
emma.coomber@hansa-gws.eu

TRANSPORT, LOGISTICS, AVIATION

JOB TITLE:
HGV 1 Drivers
LOCATION:
Dartford
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
UK Distribution Personnel Ltd
Urgently required for supermarket contract in West Thurrock. Days / Nights / Weekends. Immediate Start. 01708 443320 (agy).
TO APPLY:
John Arthur
UK Distribution Personnel Ltd
Tel: 01708 443320
Email
ukdistribution@ukpersonnel.co.uk

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
License act 2003, notice of application for grant/variation of premises licence.
Notice is here by given that Maxine Packham has applied to Tonbridge and Malling Council for the grant/variation of a premises license in respect of premises known as Beeches Restaurant, 501 Seven Mile Lane, Mereworth, ME18 5QY.
The applicant seeks the license in respect of the following: Sale of Alcohol, the provision of regulated entertainment and provision of late night refreshment.
Details of the register of record of the application can be viewed at Tonbridge and Malling council offices, Licensing Department, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling. During office hours. Any representations from interested parties or responsible authorities must be made in writing to the council by 13th August 2007.
It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make false statement in connection with an application and maximum fine for which a person is liable on summery of conviction is a fine not exceeding £5000.00

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KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004
APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS
An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-
Name of Premises: **The Dog Inn, Canterbury Road, Wingham**
Applicant: **Richard Martin**
The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.
Martin Alford
Head of Registration, Regulatory Services
First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall
Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX.

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APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS
An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-
Name of Premises: **The Orchard Spot, Spot Lane, Otham, Maidstone**
Applicant: **Terri White**
The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of an approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.
Martin Alford
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APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS
An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-
Name of Premises: **Dover Harbour Board Sports & Social Club, Port Zone, White Cliffs Business Park, Whitfield, Dover**
Applicant: **Mercy King**
The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of an approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.
Martin Alford
Head of Registration, Regulatory Services
First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall
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Kent Police Authority

Audit of Accounts

2006-07 Accounts

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Requests to meet the auditor to ask questions or make objections in relation to the accounts should be sent to: David Braithwaite, Director, at PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP, Southwark Towers, 32 London Bridge Street, London SE1 9SY.

The auditors will be available on Monday 10 September at Kent Police Headquarters at 10am.

Mark Gilmartin
Chief Executive, Kent Police Authority
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Highways – Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (CLARE LANE, EAST MALLING) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2007 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that Kent County Council has made an Order under sections 1, 2 and 124 of part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which has introduced additional waiting restrictions, to be effective at all times on Clare Lane, East Malling .

This Order will come into operation on Wednesday 25th July 2007.

A copy of the Order, an explanatory statement and map showing the extent of the scheme can be inspected during normal working hours at the West Kent Divisional Office, Joynes House, New Road, Gravesend, Kent, DA11 0AT and at Tonbridge and Malling Council Office, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ.

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in them on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or of any instrument made there under, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Order.

Schedule 1
(Order to be revoked and their amended contents included in this Order)

The Kent County Council (Various Roads, Tonbridge and Malling (Variation of Tonbridge and Malling Borough 1986 Consolidated Traffic Order) (Variation no 68) Order 2005

Schedule 1 – No Waiting At Any Time

Clare Lane, East Malling east side from opposite a point 10 metres north of the party wall of Nos 1 and 3 Clare Lane to a point 15 metres south of the junction with Blacklands (including the entrance to St James School.

Schedule 2
(No Waiting At Any Time)

Clare Lane, East Malling on the south eastern side from a point level with a point 10.0 metres north west of the south eastern common boundary of no. 9 Clare Lane south eastwards, for a distance of 60.0 metres.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (BELLINGHAM WAY, DITTON) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING) ORDER 2007

NOTICE is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made an Order on 17th July 2007 under Sections 1 to 4 and Part IV of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (Act of 1984), as amended, and of all other enabling powers, the effect of which will be to prohibit waiting 'at any time', on all days, in the length of road described in The Schedule below.

The Order contains the usual exemptions to enable a vehicle to wait with police permission or for passengers to board or alight, for the loading and unloading of goods, for enabling work to be carried out in or adjacent to the road, for disabled persons and for emergency vehicles.

A copy of the Order, a map showing location, a copy of any Orders which will be amended and a Statement of Reasons for making the Order may be inspected during normal working hours at the offices of the Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council, Kings Hill, West Malling or Tonbridge Castle and at the offices of the Kent County Council, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent.

Anyone wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of its provisions, on the grounds that they do not comply with the powers conferred by the Act of 1984 or any relevant Statutory Instrument may, within six weeks from the date of the Order, make application for that purpose to the High Court. The Order will come into effect on 23rd July 2007.

THE SCHEDULE

Prohibition of waiting 'at any time'

PARISH: Ditton Bellingham Way, Ditton

North and south sides, including roundabouts and those parts of entrances to private premises within the public highway:

From the existing waiting prohibitions (at any time) at the roundabout, near College Road, eastwards to a point just beyond the Aylesford Newsprint roundabout.

(This, in effect, imposes no waiting 'at any time' prohibitions on the entire length of Bellingham Way (including newly adopted part) from its junction with the New Hythe Lane roundabout to the roundabout at Aylesford Newsprint.)

Highways – Borough of Gravesham

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (FASTRACK, THAMES WAY, NORTHFLEET) (DESIGNATED BUS LANE) ORDER 2007 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (CONVERSION OF FOOTWAY TO CYCLE TRACK) HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

NOTICE is hereby given that Kent County Council proposes to make an Order under Sections 1 and 2 and Section 84 (1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which would be to introduce a designated bus lanes Order on the A226 Thames Way, Northfleet, as described in Schedule 1 of this Order.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under sections 65 and 66 of the Highways Act 1980 and all other enabling powers, intends to convert a footway to a cycle track of the type as described in column 1 of schedule 2 hereto, at the location described in column 2 of the said schedule.

A copy of the proposed Order, which is due to come into operation in November 2007, an explanatory statement and a map showing the extents of the cycle route and the designated bus lanes may be inspected during normal office hours at the West Kent Divisional Office, Joynes House, New Road, Gravesend, Kent, D11 0AT and the Gravesham Borough Council Offices, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 1AU.

Anyone wishing to support, or object to this proposal should write to Mrs. Diane Bourne, Jacobs UK Ltd, Miller House, Lower Stone Street, Maidstone Kent, ME15 6GB quoting the name of the Order and reference No "B0016295" and stating their reasons, by not later than Wednesday 8th August 2007. Responses received after this date will not be considered.

Schedule 1
(Designated Bus Lanes)

A226 Thames Way, Northfleet: Gravesend Bound:

1. on the north east side from a point 75.0 metres east of the centre point of its roundabout junction with Springhead Road to a point 25.0 metres south west of the centre point of its junction with Vale Road.
2. on the north east side from a point 40.0 metres north east of the centre point of its junction with Vale Road to a point 75.0 metres south of the centre point of its roundabout junction with Rosherville Way.
3. on the north east side from a point 105.0 metres east of the centre point of its roundabout junction with Rosherville Way to a point 70.0 metres south west of its junction with London Road

A226 Thames Way, Northfleet: Ebbsfleet Bound:

1. On the south west side from a point 25.0 metres south west of the centre of its junction with Thames Way to a point 140.0 metres east of the centre point of its roundabout junction with Rosherville Way.
2. On the designated slip road on the south west side from point 140.0 metres east of its roundabout junction with Rosherville Way to a point 90.0 metres south of the centre point of its roundabout junction with Rosherville Way.
3. On the east side from a point 90.0 metres south of the centre point of its roundabout junction with Rosherville Way to a point 35.0 metres north east of the centre point of its junction with Vale Road.
4. on the south west side from a point 35.0 metres south west of the centre point of its junction with Vale Road to a point 75.0 metres east of the centre point of its roundabout junction with Springhead Road.

Schedule 2
(Conversion of Footway to Cycle Track)

Type of Cycle Track	Location
Shared Un-segregated	A226 Thames Way, Northfleet

1. on the north west side of its roundabout junction with Springhead Road from the centre point of the roundabout a distance of 35m west to a point 35m north from the centre of the roundabout.
2. on the north side from the centre of its junction with Springhead Road roundabout eastwards for a distance of 60.0 metres.
3. on the south side from the north boundary of property number 105 Springhead Road eastwards to a point 15.0 metres south west of the western kerbline of Vale Road.
4. on the north side from a point 15.0 metres south west of the north western kerbline of Vale Road to a point 30.0 metres west of the centre point of its roundabout junction with Rosherville Road.
5. On the western side of the designated bus area from a point 60.0 metres south of the centre point of its roundabout junction with Rosherville Way to a point 20.0 metres south of that same junction.
6. On the eastern side of the designated bus area from a point 20.0 metres south of the centre point of its roundabout junction with Rosherville Way to a point 10.0 metres east of the south eastern side the junction with Thames Way and Covesfield.
7. from the existing ramp on north eastern side of Covesfield to its junction with Overcliffe.

Dated: 18th July 2007.
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Highways – District of Shepway

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (PUDDING LANE, HAWKINGE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2007 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because telephone duct renewal works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Pudding Lane, Hawkinge from the junction with Standen Lane to the junction with Flegis Court Lane on or after 6 August 2007 for an estimated period of two weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Standen Lane and Flegis Court Lane.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (CHAPEL LANE AND GATE LANE, RHODES MINNIS) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2007 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because water main renewal works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Chapel Lane and Gate Lane, Rhodes Minnis, from the junction with Gate Lane for 187 metres in a north-easterly direction, and from the junction with Chapel Lane to the property known as Whitehall Cottage on or after 6 August 2007, for an estimated period of six weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Mount Hill, Magpie Lane, White Horse Lane and Gate Lane.

Highways – District of Dover

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, DISTRICT OF DOVER) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING AND ONE WAY STREET) TEMPORARY ORDER 2007 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on the routes described in Column 1 of Schedule One hereto and that vehicles may only proceed on the length of road specified in Column 1 of Schedule Two hereto otherwise than in the direction specified in Column 2 of that Schedule on or after 6th August 2007 for an estimated period of twelve weeks or until such works are complete or for a period not exceeding 18 months at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by traffic signs.

The alternative route for each route described in Column 1 of Schedule One is described in Column 2 of that Schedule

SCHEDULE ONE

(Temporary Prohibition of Driving)

Column 1 **The affected route**	Column 2 **The alternative route**
Beaufoy Terrace, Dover From its junction with Barwick Road to its junction with Beaufoy Road	Barwick Road and Beaufoy Road
Cherry Tree Avenue, Dover On the left hand lane only from its junction with Lond on Road to its junction with Barton Road	London Road and Buckland Avenue
Elm Park Gardens, Dover From its junction with Reading Road for the full length	No diversion required – Cul-de-Sac
Beechwood Avenue, Deal From its junction with Mill Road to its junction with London Road	Mill Road and London Road
Mill Hill, Deal From its junction with St Richard's Road to its junction with Manor Road	Mill Road, Hamilton Road, Telegraph Road, St Richard's Road, Rectory Road and Manor Road

SCHEDULE TWO

(Temporary One Way Street)

Column 1 **Affected length of road**	Column 2 **Permitted direction for traffic**
Cherry Tree Avenue, Dover From its junction with Barton Road to its junction with London Road	North to South

Date: 22nd July 2007.

Highways – Borough of Dartford

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL SWEATSHOP 10KM RUN EVENT (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2007 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Various Roads as noted in Schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 6th August 2007, with the event taking place on 12th August 2007 between the hours of 07:30 and 11:00 or until completion of the planned event. These closures and restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative routes for the routes described above will be as signed on site. The purpose of the closure is to facilitate the running of a 10km race on behalf of Sweatshop.

Access will be maintained for residents as much as possible at all times. For further information please contact Kent Highway Services on 08458 247 800.

Schedule 1

Road Name	Direction
A206 Crossways Boulevard between its junctions with Cotton Lane and St Clements Way	Closed to Westbound Traffic
Cotton Lane between its junctions with A206 Crossways Boulevard and Cotton Lane	Closed to all traffic
Cotton Lane/Elizabeth Street between its junctions with Stone Place Road and Cotton Lane	Closed to all traffic
Stone Place Road between its junctions with Elizabeth Street and A226 London Road	Closed to all traffic
A226 London Road between its junctions with Stone Place Road and St Clements Way	Closed to all traffic
St Clements Way between its junctions with A206 Crossways Boulevard and Bluewater Parkway	Closed to Northbound traffic
Bluewater Parkway between its junction with St Clements Way and Town Square Crescent	Closed to all traffic

In the Borough of Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS IN MAIDSTONE) (ROAD CLOSURE)TEMPORARY ORDER 2007

NOTICE is hereby given that to allow highway maintenance works to take place the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on the routes described in column 1 and 2, the alternative routes for diverted traffic are listed in column 3, of the Schedule, hereto on or after 20th August 2007 for an estimated period of four week's or for a period not exceeding 18 months.

THE SCHEDULE

Specified Road	Length of Affected Road	Diversion Route
Lidsing Road and Forge Lane, Bredhurst.	From its junction with Hempstead Road to its junction with Dunn Street Road.	Hempstead Road, Chapel Lane, Hempstead Valley Road, Sharsted Way, Wigmore Road, Maidstone Road and the Street.
Well Road, Maidstone.	From its junction with Fisher Street to its junction with Country Road.	Sittingbournre Road, Penenden Heath Road, Sandling lane, A229 Chatham Road, Royal Engineer's Road and Staceys Street,
Willington Street, Maidstone.	From Its Junction with Deringwood Drive to its junction with A20 Ashford Road.	South via Sutton Road, A229 Loose Road, Sheals Cresent, Hayle Road, College Road, Mill Street, Palace Venue, Lower Stone Street, Mote Road, Wat Tyler Way, Albion Place, Andrew Broughton Way, and A20 Ashford Road. North via A20 Ashford Road, Andrew Broughton Way, Wat Tyler Way, Mote Road, Upper Stone Street, Loose Road, and A274 Sutton Road.

Advance road works information boards will be placed prior to works commencing on site, giving details as to when works are scheduled to commence and expected duration.

Order will only be effective when the appropriate signs are displayed.

Each section of the works is anticipated to last no more than 2-3 days and the said works will be undertaken as a rolling program.

Dated: 20th July 2007

For further information, please contact Geoff Harrison-Mee, Director for Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

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Peugeot to be posh option in SUV trio?

JOINT motor projects may save development costs, but how do you differentiate your product when it hits the market?

This quandary is faced by Mitsubishi, Citroen and Peugeot with respective versions of an all-new sports utility vehicle (SUV).

Based on Mitsubishi's replacement for the original Outlander 4x4 'crossover', it was right that the Japanese company got in first.

Citroen joins the fray this month with the C-Crosser while Peugeot's 4007 follows in a few weeks, with both being able to market the car with their renowned diesel engines.

Both French line-ups start at £22,790 though Citroen will almost certainly attract bargain hunters with its usual incentives, leaving Peugeot to chase those who want the posh option.

Like the Citroen, there are just two trim levels and Peugeot is making much of the car's 'green-ness' with the 156bhp 2.2-litre HDi diesel's CO2 footprint as low as 191 g/km, a potential average of 39.2mpg and 30 per cent biodiesel compatibility without modification.

Interestingly, it is also taking a more pragmatic view of the potential seven-seat capacity and calling the layout '5+2' – that rearmost pair of seats must be a bit tight.

Zafira joins elite

STUNG by demand for the flagship Titanium version of Ford's sporty seven-seat S-Max, Vauxhall has responded with a new top of the range trim for the Zafira.



Though outgunned dynamically by the award-winning S-Max, the Zafira remains the market leader in its sector and the new Elite (from £18,950) should boost its dominance.

The upmarket package looks good value including full leather trim, electronic climate control, cruise control, sound system with MP3 input, alloys, multi-function computer, automatic lighting, rain-sensitive windscreen wipers and self-dipping interior mirror.

Suzuki to Splash down soon

FROM being virtually dead in the water, the revitalized Suzuki car brand is making quite a splash nowadays – and adding a new model to add to the impact.

Its new Splash city car is based on the successful Swift supermini and has the styling and practicality to attract its young target market.

In keeping with Suzuki's renewed effort, it is not only built with Europeans in mind, but will be built here in Hungary.

The same car will also be remodelled and built for Suzuki's partner in the project, General Motors, which will sell it as the new Agila.

Suzuki designers say they have tried to retain the high seating position of the Agila and its Suzuki alter-ego, the Wagon R, without resorting to the boxy 'shrunken MPV' styling of that car.

The Splash is expected early in 2008.



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by **STEVELOADER**

Chrysler's brutal V8 epitome of its class



AWESOME: SRT-8 blings it up with 20-inch alloy wheels and most 300c buyers ask for the optional £395 'Bentley' grille

THERE is an amendment to the US Constitution stating "every citizen shall have the right to drive an automobile with a V8 engine…"

I'm lying, of course, but this could have been enshrined in the Land of the Free's hallowed document and be currently upheld by V8 versions of the Chrysler 300C.

If any brand epitomised the V8 car culture in the USA, it was Chrysler and the famous 'Hemi' V8 series. As the name suggests, the engine used hemispherical combustion chambers for better ignition and output rather than the cheaper flathead design that prevailed.

During the 1960s and 1970s, Chrysler used the Hemi design to create ever more powerful engines for competition as well as road-going 'muscle cars' like the Dodge Charger – made famous as the orange 'Robert E Lee' by TV's 'Dukes of Hazzard'.

Loopiest

Others included the Plymouth Barracuda and now, the loopiest version of Chrysler's impressively retro 300C, the 168mph (0-60mph in five seconds) SRT-8 featuring a 425bhp 6.1-litre Hemi V8.

Let's be clear – this is not a PC car. The official (aka 'Driving Miss Daisy') average fuel consumption figure for this car is around 20mpg, but you need your own oil well if you drive it hard.

It is a car that thumbs it nose at global warming but, rather like a one-dimensional Schwarzenegger screen character, you cannot help admiring it.

The word awesome is overused in the car world, but perhaps inadequate to describe how this beefcake car delivers the power of its tweaked V8.

Floor the throttle and there is the briefest 'are you really sure you wanna do this?' moment before Warp Factor Nine is unleashed.

The ample bonnet rises up as power courses through the rear pair of 20-inch polished alloy wheels and the car squats as if the Mitchell Brothers tooled up with shooters are riding in the back, before snarling off into the horizon.

When I borrowed our test car – bearing the no-doubt coveted registration number '300C' – from Whitehouse Maidstone, sales staff admitted that the car's power could be intoxicating.

One buyer – who shall remain nameless – took delivery of his SRT-8 after a longish but understandable wait for one in what I call 'Sopranos Black', and then took it straight off through France to holiday in Italy… and a run-in with the Gendarmerie.

He wrote enthusiastically to the dealership: "Fantastic car for the money. Great sales staff – especially Alistair [Bassett]. I didn't even mind being caught… at 160mph. God Bless America!"



Even Whitehouse's dealer principal Mark Wood admitted: "It's a bit of a bonkers car, but the 300C generally has found a whole new niche in the market for us."

He added that buyers so love the presence of the big saloon and its Touring (estate) sister that 90 per cent also ask for the optional 'Bentley' mesh grille to be fitted in place of the standard 'egg-crate' design.

Officially known as the 'chrome accessory grille' by Startech – a subsidiary of upmarket German customising specialist Brabus – this adds £395, but is money well spent if you want people to think you drive a Bentley costing three times the price.

And even entry-level 3.5 V6 and 3.0 V6 CRD diesel 300C versions come with loads of standard kit and limo-like space inside.

No, you don't get Bentley levels of trimming, but lots of leather and comfort at this price and the car rides and handles pretty well for something as lardy as it is.

The SRT-8 perhaps underlines that the game is up for gas guzzlers, but what a way to go – I just cannot help liking it.

DrivingStats

- Chrysler 300C SRT-8 £39,870
- Price range: £26,315-£41,110.
- Garage stats: 5.01m by 1.88m four-door saloon.
- Powertrain: 6,059/425bhp V8 driving rear wheels through a five-speed auto gearbox.
- Performance: top speed 168mph and 0-62mph in five seconds.
- How green?: category-G and 330g per km CO2 emissions.
- Official fuel figures: combined 20.2mpg.
- Euro NCAP safety rating (0-5 stars): N/A
- Fuel tank: 71 litres/15 gallons.
- Insurance group: 20.
- Warranty: three years/60,000 miles.
- Website: www.chryslerjeep.co.uk
- Rivals: Audi A6, BMW 5-Series, Citroen C6, Honda Legend, Jaguar S-Type, Lexus GS, Peugeot 607, Saab 9-5, Skoda Superb, Vauxhall Signum, Volvo S80 and VW Phaeton.

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Volvo S80

S80's compact look deceiving



FLAGSHIP: The new Volvo S80 takes the brand's corporate style forward, with its sleek exterior and quality materials used on the interior

VOLVO could be sold soon to offset Ford's huge debts, but the US car giant can take credit for restoring the Swedish marque to profitability.

Recovery began with the S80 executive flagship launched in 1998, establishing a blueprint for Volvo's current corporate style: high shoulders, scalloped rear wings, a merging roof and boot line and a narrow rounded off rectangular grille.

It said goodbye to the 'armoured car' look of the previous generation 700/900-Series and hello to a stylish yet simple new image that has served the brand well.

Compact

It was no surprise then to see the all-new S80 echo this while taking it forward; the handsome new model looks more compact and lithe than its now dated predecessor, yet is actually the same length and slightly wider and taller.

With a slight extension to the wheelbase too, the cabin is predictably spacious and seats five through good leg and headroom even if 'piggy in the middle' has to sit slightly splay-footed.

Rear passengers also have their own abundant ventilation and lighting and the level of comfort, luxury and kit, even on 'standard' SE models, shames some brands who consider themselves superior.

And while the interior of the S80 is understated, the quality of materials and design is clear with lots of brushed alloy on our car and leather as standard, except on the SE entry models – the seating design has to be one of the most comfortable in this class.

Much thought has also gone into the positioning of stowage space and I particularly liked the neat sliding cover to the centre console bins for cups and the 12v power

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socket – something that long-time Ford group colleagues at Jaguar could learn from.

The sound system – our mid-range SE Lux was fitted with a £1,000 'Dynaudio Premium' set-up – has an unfussy and logical display that belies the power and clarity of a system that includes an in-dash six-CD player.

Boot space is impressive too and load carrying can be extended by folding the rear seats.

Behind the wheel, the new S80 marks an advance on its predecessor, but is still off the pace against the BMW 5-Series, Audi A6 and Jaguar S-Type for driver appeal.

It is fine for the motorways, where the slippery shape and build quality of the S80 makes for relaxed cruising.

Away from the straights though, the S80 loses its refined shape a bit; the Jag, in particular, delivers a ride quality and handling package that the S80 cannot match even if it fails, in turn, to challenge the Swede for cabin and boot space.

The fidgety ride of the S80 initially suggests a chassis tautness that will pay dividends when throwing the car into corners, but the nose tends to dig in rather than tightening up nicely.

It is by no means a disaster, but so much is right about the S80 that it is sad to see it compromised in this department.

The speed-weighted power steering works well though and the powertrain on our test car was impressive; the Bridgend produced Ford 3.2 straight-six is smooth and lively yet relatively frugal enough to make a rare case for choosing petrol over diesel, although I would still favour the tried and tested D5 turbodiesel seen to effect in other Volvo ranges.

The car's six-speed 'Geartronic' gearbox was also impressive, whether self-changing seamlessly in fully auto guise or used in manual selection mode where it offers a sportier option that the chassis cannot complement, sadly.

Let's hope that Volvo addresses the S80's Achilles Heel rather earlier in its production life than the similar problem with the ageing S60 – recently made better, but too late for what could have a been a truly great Volvo.

DrivingStats

- Volvo S80 3.2 SE Lux (£31,495).
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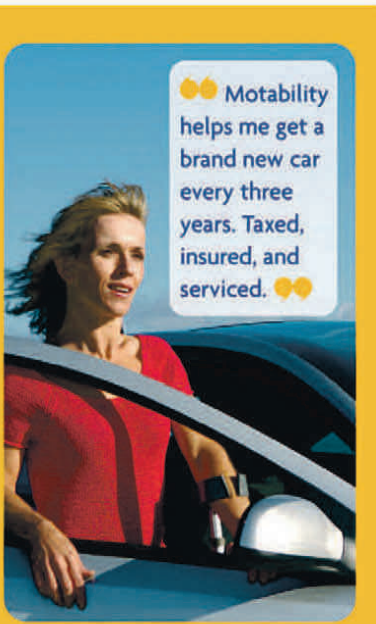
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A6, 2003, claimate alloys cd/auto, dolphin grey, 45941 miles, £10495, WJ King Vauxhall, Bromley, 020 8464 3456 (TRADE)

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318I, 2004, a/con alloys e/wind c/lock cd, aquamarine, 24463 miles, £10995, WJ Klng Vauxhall, Woolwich, 020 8854 8161 (TRADE)

320, Td Se Compact, 2002, red, 58650 miles, £8495, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

320I, 2005, a/con alloys e/wind c/lock cd, black, 11185 miles, £17995, WJ King Vauxhall, Bromley, 020 8464 3456 (TRADE)

525, 2005, lthr alloys e/wind cd climate, silver, 18599 miles, £22995, WJ King Vauxhall, Bromley, 020 8464 3456 (TRADE)

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GRAND VOYAGER, 2005, bronze, 22313 miles, £15995, FGBarnes, Maidstone, 01622 755531 (TRADE)

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BERLINGO, 600 Van 1.9, 2006, 600 van 1.9 diesel, passion red, 19209 miles, £6495, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

BERLINGO MULTISPACE, 2003, 2.0hdi 90 forte 5dr dsl est, beige, 48233 miles, £6495, Wilmoths, Folkestone, 01303 245 588 (TRADE)

C1, 1.0i Rhythm 5dr, 2006, 1.0i rhythm 5dr hatch, black, 6500 miles, £6995, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

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FIESTA 1.2 petrol, 04 03, lx 3 dr met green 48, 000 miles excellent condition, £3995, Beaver Commercials, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

FIESTA lx, 04 2003, 1.2 p 3 door hatch met green 48.000 miles fsh cd elec windows, £3995, Beaver Commercials, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

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JAZZ, 1.4 i-DSi SE 5dr (2004 -), 09/04/2005, cd player, blue, 13685 miles, £8499, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

JAZZ, 2002, cd c/lock e/wind pas a/bag, silver, 41900 miles, £5995, WJ Klng Vauxhall, Woolwich, 020 8854 8161 (TRADE)

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AMICA, 1.1 CDX, 2006, silver, 6800 miles, £5495, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

AMICA, Gsi 1.0, 2001, blue, 35434 miles, £2995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

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CARENS, 2.0 CRDI LS [7 Seat] Diesel, 2007, insurance group 10 abs alarm alloy wheels body coloured bumpers climate control cruise control drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors electric sunroof folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd rear electric windows remote central locking reverse parking aid roof rails side airbags steering wheel rake adjustment trip computer, graphite grey, 1400 miles, £14495, Masters Bromley Kia, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

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COOPER, 1.6 3dr, 2002, 1.6 3dr hatch, silver, 30729 miles, £8995, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

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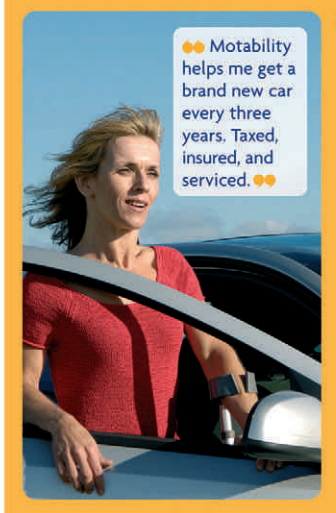
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306, 1.8 LX Auto [SR], 1998, insurance group 5 remote central locking central locking front electric windows sunroof power steering drivers airbag immobiliser, diablo red, 80000 miles, £2000, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

307, 2003, a/con alloys cd c/lock e/wind, blue, 15016 miles, £5995, WJ King Vauxhall, Swanley, 01322 662890 (TRADE)

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RENAULT

CLIO, Renault Sport 182 Cup 3dr 2.0lt, 2004, trim: velour engine size: 2000 transmission: manual no. of doors: 3, artic blue, 47000 miles, £8995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

CLIO, RIP CURL 1.2 16V, 2007, trim: cloth engine size: 1200 transmission: manual no. of doors: 3, eclipse grey, 1 miles, £8795, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

KANGOO, 05 2006, 1.5 dci venture 5 door hatch pink sticker removable white orginal leather trim 10.000 miles, £6495, Beaver Commercials, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

KANGOO SL 19, 05 04, 1.5 dci blue ex b/gas s/door air/con elec pack 25,000 miles, £4700, Beaver Commercials, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

LAGUNA, 2003, a/con alloys cd pas, blue metallic, 51204 miles, £5695, WJ Klng Vauxhall, Woolwich, 020 8854 8161 (TRADE)

MEGANE, 2004, a/con alloys e/wind clock cd, silver, 26650 miles, £6995, WJ King Vauxhall, Farningham, 01322 862366 (TRADE)

MEGANE, 1.6 Dynamique 16v, 2003, red metallic, 44000 miles, £5995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

MODUS, EXPRESSION 1.5dci 86 EUROIV, 2007, trim: cloth engine size: 1500 transmission: manual no. of doors: 5, quartz, 5 miles, £10500, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

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SCENIC, AUTHENTIQUE 1.4 16v, 2004, trim: cloth engine size: 1400 transmission: manual no. of doors: 5, platinum silver, 28300 miles, £6995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

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75, 2.0 CDTi Classic SVE, 2005, grey, 36000 miles, £8995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

75, 2.0 CDTi Club Saloon (131Ps) 1951cc, 2003 53 reg, 4 doors, automatic, saloon, diesel, 20,300 miles, metallic blue. abs, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, head restraints, lumbar support, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cassette, side airbags, rear headrests, insurance group: 10, £7,495, SMC Ford, Sittingbourne, 0845 3891136 (TRADE)

SEAT

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ALTEA, 2007, cruise eps alloys e/wind a/bag, black magic, 1 miles, £15995, WJ King Vauxhall, Welling, 020 8303 1234 (TRADE)

AROSA, 2004, alloys cd, platinum grey, 27488 miles, £5795, WJ King Vauxhall, Swanley, 01322 662890 (TRADE)

IBIZA, 2001, pas a/con alloys e/wind c/lock, eclipse blue, 36600 miles, £3995, WJ King Vauxhall, Swanley, 01322 662890 (TRADE)

IBIZA, 2004, a/con alloys e/wind c/lock pas, grey, 21200 miles, £5495, WJ King Vauxhall, Dartford, 01322 227581 (TRADE)

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OCTAVIA, 2.0 FSI Laurin & Klement Estate 1984cc auto, 16in vegas alloy wheels, 6 disc cd autochanger, acoustic front & rear parking sensors, cruise control, driver information system, air bags, immobiliser, pas, radio, remainder of 3 years/60,000 mile manufacturers warranty. ex-demonstrator. diamond silver metallic, 2000 miles, £16990, Sherlodge Garage, Gillingham, 01634 377444 (TRADE)

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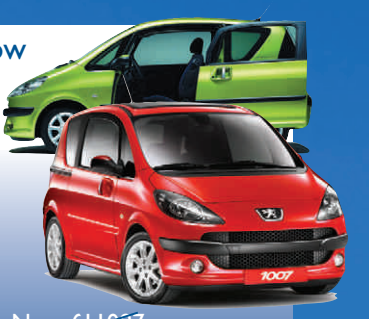
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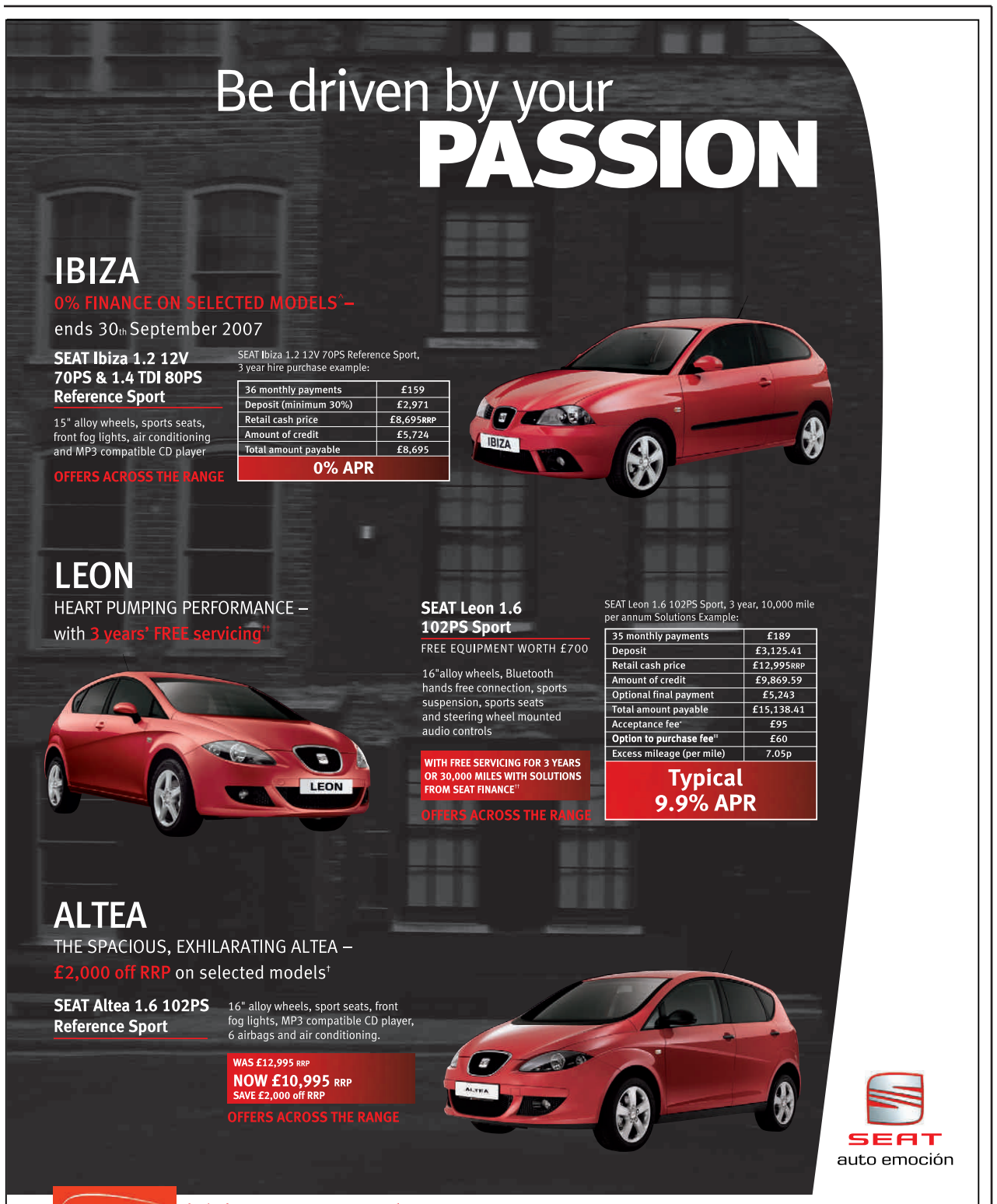
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Rice producer has taste for growth plans

By **CHRIS MURPHY**
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BRITAIN'S biggest producer of rice is set to take on the USA after a £20 million expansion plan has come on stream.

Rice magnate Moni Varma has vowed to continue with his plan to conquer the rice world and make his company Veetee a billion dollar giant.

A new state-of-the-art factory has been opened at the company's Rochester headquarters.

It includes an atmosphere-controlled production line with cleanliness levels equal to a hospital operation theatre.

Inside the factory, a new method of producing pre-cooked rice is run by just a handful of people. Access is strictly restricted to reduce contamination.

Mr Varma was last year's UK Asian Businessman of the Year, and was seventh in the top 10 of most powerful Asians in Britain.

Said to be worth around £45 million, he started out with a £250,000 investment in a factory in Perivale, London, with £40,000 personal savings. He moved to Medway in 1990.

The company is now Britain's biggest supplier of the rice sold in supermarket chains as well as 60 other countries under the Veetee banner and 'own brand'.

Its range of 10 different types of rice is sold to 60 countries.

Veetee produces 360 million servings a year – a third of all the supermarket rice eaten in the UK.

But Mr Varma is determined to continue development. He said: "The thing that keeps me awake at night is wanting to do things in a month that would take others 10 months to do."



RICE 'N' EASY: Moni Varma

The UK rice market is worth £200m a year. Mr Varma wants to keep up the pressure on the opposition.

In the new factory, machines can inspect each individual grain and test just how white it is.

Millions were spent on research and development of the new process.

He said: "It produces 6,000 meals an hour. It is cooked with steam but at a very, very high temperature.

"The minute it is cooked the meals are sealed to keep all the goodness in which is why we restrict the number of people going in there to avoid any contamination.

"The temperature is just sufficient to get the inner core hot enough to get rid of heat resistant bacteria. We are giving it a lot of heat for five seconds and that does the trick for us.

Conquering

"The amount of money we have spent on research and development is huge. The whole project cost around £20m and we spent a lot on research and development.

"I don't think it's a great risk – I think it's a challenge."

Even rises in interest rates do not worry him. He said: "I have been in business long enough, and you have got to go forward doing the best you can. What you lose on the swings you sometimes gain on the roundabouts."

After opening factories in India, Pakistan, Nigeria and Malawi, he is concentrating efforts on his UK operation and has eyes on conquering Europe and even the USA.

He said: "In the new factory, we have room for another four of five lines to come in.

"As soon as I have got this on track, I am looking to the United States and Europe."

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EU rides the freight line

A SENIOR EU official has discussed ways of improving Kent's traffic flow with a Euro-MP from the county.

Transport Commissioner Jacques Barrot met Richard Ashworth, Tory MEP for the South East in Strasbourg last week.

Mr Barrot said getting more freight onto the railways, improving ferry services and providing long-term lorry parking facilities would ease the traffic bottleneck in Kent.

He also pointed out that 11 million euros of EU cash has been set aside for five pilot projects across Europe, of which Ashford will be one.

Mr Ashworth said: "This was an excellent and productive first meeting with the commissioner.

"He now understands the scale of the transport problems we face in Kent, as one of the busiest freight corridors in the EU.

"We both agreed that infrastructure investment and legislation have failed to keep pace with growth in traffic volume."

The commissioner accepted Mr Ashworth's invitation to come to Kent later in the year to see the situation with his own eyes and launch the Channel Freight Partnership – a new alliance between the Channel Corridor Partnership and its counterpart authorities on the other side of the Channel.

A SCHEME has been launched to support the business community in Canterbury.

Company owners will be able to share expertise and experience with each other.

Support4Business will be useful to start-up companies. The scheme has been devised by organisation, Canterbury 4 Business.

Inquiries are being fielded by the city council. Details on dawn.hudd@canterbury.gov.uk or 01227 862054.

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Companies have little time for green issues

MANY Kent businesses spend too little time on environmental issues, according to a new report.

The poll by Envirowise found one in 10 SMEs had no time to spare to consider the effect their company was having on the environment.

The sustainable business expert also found 39 per cent of those polled claimed they could only devote an hour or less a week to such concerns.

Michael Savage, of Envirowise, said: "No matter what the time available, the most important thing for any company to ensure is they have a dedicated member of staff who looks after environmental issues, and our research showed two thirds of businesses in the South East do not have one."

For information on all levels of help visit www.envirowise.gov.uk or call 0800 585 794.

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Savers need to show an interest

AS we have had a few interest rate rises recently I thought it would be good to remind everyone to check their savings rates.

When rates rise and mortgages go up there is a lot of press about mortgages and how people are struggling now that their monthly payments are so high.

There never seems to be as much print about savings rates.

Surely people who have money in the bank must be getting a far better return than they were a few months ago, perhaps even beating inflation after tax.

Well it depends.

Many of us will have had a bank account for years, and I bet few of us will have changed it.

We have become astute at moving our debt, such as mortgages and credit cards, but we don't seem so clued up when it comes to getting the best savings rates.



By **Liz Rule**
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A look at some of the rates available to savers, even on current accounts, shows rates of up to 6.5 per cent.

I appreciate that most people will pay tax on their interest so the final figures will be either 22 per cent or 40 per cent lower, but even so, it's producing figures above the current CPI (consumer price index).

The problem is if you then look at some of the accounts that many of us hold, and have done for years.

Many high street banks offer current accounts with interest rates of less than 0.10 per cent.

That will barely produce an interest return at all for many, and it's where huge profits come for the banks, as through our own inertia they make their money.

I would urge everyone today to just have a look around at the rates you could be getting.

These are available online or in the newsagent in publications like Moneyfacts etc.

If you are not getting value for money, switch your account.

It may mean receiving pounds more in interest for very little effort.

Bank on specialist services

CLYDESDALE Bank has made a senior appointment to oversee the expansion of its specialist business banking centres.

Adrian Wenn, based in Maidstone, has been made regional director for the southern area.

He will assume responsibility for the network of 10 Financial Solutions Centres (FSCs), from Southampton to Maidstone, including Tunbridge Wells.

The centres offer members a tailored range of business and private banking services under one roof.

A team of specialist partners provide members with end-to-end solutions for their business and private banking needs.

Mr Wenn said: "In a short space of time we have successfully built a highly experienced and enthusiastic team of 200 experts at our centres throughout the region."

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SCOTTISH PROVIDENT	£25.81	UNUM PROVIDENT	£41.02

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Welcome relief on OAPs' mobility aids

A CHANGE in VAT law has been heralded as a "stealth tax relief".

The change will help the elderly and immobile pay for home equipment to improve their mobility.

DSH chartered accountants, of Maidstone, said over-60s who are considering installing a stairlift or other mobility aid in their home need pay only five per cent VAT, instead of the usual 17.5 per cent, where the aid is supplied and fitted by a VAT-registered builder or installer.

When the Government first announced the reduced rate of VAT would apply to certain housing alterations for elderly people, no specific details were released. But the Treasury has amended VAT rules to reduce the rate on mobility aids in the homes of elderly people.

Alan Buckett, head of VAT services at DSH and author of a number of titles on VAT matters, said: "There has been much talk of Gordon Brown's so-called 'stealth taxes'. But this news is a welcome 'stealth relief' that many elderly people may not be aware of.

"EU VAT rules prevent full relief from VAT, but the rate has now been reduced to the minimum allowed.

"Elderly people should challenge builders who are unaware of this change and may continue to attempt to charge the standard 17.5 per cent VAT rate, but if they buy and fit these items themselves, they must still pay VAT at 17.5 per cent.

"The changes are in addition to existing rules, under which disabled persons of any age may already qualify for VAT-free installation of a range of mobility aids and other alterations to their homes.

Mobility aids include stairlifts; grab rails; ramps; bath lifts; built-in shower seats; and walk-in baths with a sealable door.

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FOOTBALL: Canterbury City have secured a five-figure sponsorship deal with P&O Ferries – despite not having kicked a ball in competition for more than seven years.

City are returning to competition after a seven-year absence but have to start in the relative obscurity of the Second Division (East) of the British Energy Kent County League.

P&O Ferries director of sales and marketing, Simon Johnson, told KoS: "We think people are tired of seeing huge amounts of money being paid to the top professional players and are beginning to look again at local-level football because it costs so much to watch the professional game."

The men's first team will be playing their home games at Bridge Recreation Ground, starting in September.

Pat's Euro adventure

MOTORSPORT: Pat Doran will start in his first European Rallycross Championship event for a dozen years when he takes his Ford Fiesta ST to the Belgian round at Maasmechelen next month.

The Milstead racer has had a difficult start to the British Rallycross Championship – a title he won in 2005 – and has now changed his plans for the year to accommodate the Belgian and Dutch ERC events.

Doran said: "It's been my intention to do some ERC events since we built the Fiesta in 2005, but I've never managed to get out there yet. I've had a bad year in the BRC and there is no way I can win it now.

"If it goes well I may try and do a couple more ERC events next year."



Wind of success

WINDSURFING: Keith Atkinson has added yet another title to his list of successes.

The 24-year-old from Wilmington, near Dartford, won the Eastbourne Extreme Acutel Masterblast Challenge.

His victory was particularly sweet after a recent injury had impacted on recent results.

Montell's motoring

ATHLETICS: Blackheath & Bromley Harriers Athletic Club star Montell Douglas has continued her impressive season at the European Under-23 Championships last weekend.

She won the silver medal in the 100m and made the final of the 200m, setting four new personal bests and two club records at the meeting in Debrecen, Hungary.

Her time of 11.28secs in the semi-final was the fastest by a British woman this year – and is the qualifying time for the World Championships in Osaka, Japan.

Golf faster

New concept gives different meaning to 'a quick round'

By **CHRIS BRITCHER**

FIRST it was cricket and the Twenty20 Cup. And now golf is getting in on the act with a quick-fire, fast-paced version of the sport it hopes will turn on a new generation to the game.

As Tiger Woods tackles the challenge of Carnoustie in the Open today, looking to defend his title over the final 18 holes, golfers will this summer get the chance to play 6teesix.

The new concept promises to be a six-player-per-team, match-play format event over six holes and completed in just 60 minutes.

And it is being rolled out at a host of courses in Kent – as well as elsewhere in the UK – in a bid to lure players of all abilities back to the golf course.

Exciting

Johnathan Callister, chief executive of Pentland Golf, which is introducing the competition to its courses in the county, explained: "We think this is a pretty exciting concept.

"It fits perfectly with our aims to get everybody playing golf regardless of age, background or previous experience.

"Because it only takes an hour to get round six holes, you have time for a beer afterwards before heading home to the family. It's a bit like popping to the gym or a quick game in your local squash league."

Pentland will stage events at its Austin Lodge club near Swanley; The Ridge in East Sutton, near Maidstone; Etchinghill near Folkestone; and Broughton Golf Club near Faversham.

A number of other courses around the county are also involved.

Based around the Ryder Cup concept, teams of six players will compete in pairs in a match-play format against pairs from rival teams over the six holes.

Incorporating Texas Scamble rules – which rewards both team and individual play – the sport is designed to be sociable and bring the fun back into the sport.

Creator of 6teesix, William Anderson who lives in Hertfordshire, added: "Surveys suggest 3.5 million people play golf each year, but are not members of clubs. Meanwhile, the English Golf Union's annual census of clubs show memberships have been declining.



TEE UP: Fast-paced 6teesix game has been set up to attract new players to the sport

"What we have done is devised a sport which, for the existing golfer, is a chance to keep your eye in, ready for those three, four or five big rounds a year.

"For the novice, it is a safe way to start enjoying the game.

"The team I play in, for example, has three men and three women and only two play golf to a good standard. The others are all learning the game."

Nationwide, 66 clubs will this month launch the competition with more to be added in 2008.

Teams compete in a league format with the top sides invited to battle it out in the national finals at a championship course.

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New faces arrive at The Valley

IT'S all change at The Valley this season with a much-changed roster hoping to help the Addicks bounce straight back into the Premiership, ***writes Gary Haines.***

With less than three weeks to the new Championship season, as well as snapping up eight new faces on the playing side, boss Alan Pardew has put the finishing touches to his back-room staff.

Delighted to retain the services of Phil Parkinson as his right hand man after the former Colchester United manager turned down the chance to take charge at Huddersfield Town last season, Pardew will also be assisted on the coaching side by Mark Robson and Mark Kinsella.

Priority

And he will also be able to lean on a much changed medical department with the players' physical welfare the number one priority.

New performance manager Niall Clark leads the department which will keep a close eye on the fitness, condition and health of the Addicks playing staff in what is sure to be a sapping campaign, both physically and mentally.

And while a large number of last season's back room team have joined former boss Alan Curbishley at West Ham United, Pardew has called on several staff he worked with at Upton Park to join his Valley revolution.

Clark, new head physiotherapist Steve Allen and masseur Wayne Ferrage have all made the short trip through the Blackwall Tunnel.



FRESH START: Charlton will have a new look back room team next season

Physio Stuart Ayles arrives from Colchester United, having worked with Parkinson during his time at Layer Road.

And Clark – who was handed his first role in football by Pardew when he was manager of Reading – is relishing his new role.

He said: "Charlton are a Championship club now, so myself and Steve have taken lower wages, but that's how much we wanted to come to the club.

"From what I've seen I can already say it's a far better structured and run club, from the chief executive down.

"The players here, in terms of their mentality and character, are very good, and that's been shown during pre-season.

"They've been working hard, with double sessions every day, but everything has been going smoothly and that's a good sign."

And, while Curbishley and Mervyn Day were joined by a familiar player in Scott Parker back at Upton Park, former Charlton sports scientist Nick Davies, first-team physio George Cooper, reserve-team physio Dave Singleton, masseur Darren Page and kitman Steve Rigby, have also left The Valley.

The head of the medical department last season, Wayne Diesel, has also left to join Tottenham, with Clark moving into his office at Sparrows Lane.

Charlton are currently in Spain for a pre-season training session in the sun. They take on Gillingham in a pre-season friendly at Priestfield next Saturday.

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McLaren quick to settle in

PETER BILLS talks to all-round success story of Kent's season – South African Ryan McLaren

HE has been one of the mainstays of Kent's Twenty20 Cup success, as well as impressing in every form of cricket this season. He has made fast runs, taken key wickets and held some stunning catches.

But try to tell Kent's South African all-rounder Ryan McLaren the Twenty20 competition is really only about biff and bash, and nothing more than a swing and hope contest, and you'll get a surprising reaction.

"I don't think that's the case at all," says McLaren. "You do try to enjoy the whole event as much as possible. But when people say that's not what the game is all about, meaning the way Twenty20 is played, I have to disagree.

"I find, as a cricketer, that you improve your skill level quite a bit in all aspects in this abbreviated form of the game. Your fielding has to be much sharper and the accuracy of your bowling has to be a lot better. If not, you are going to get punished."

But what about batting? Isn't that largely a hit-and-hope exercise with so few overs available? Again, McLaren disagrees. "Of course, you have obviously got to get on with it from the start. But that need to score quickly concentrates your mind and intensifies your focus wonderfully.

"You are really looking for the length ball to hit and you have to play some attacking shots. But I don't think there's anything wrong with that.

"I firmly believe you can improve your skill levels in this form of the game. The concentration levels have to be very high because every ball is an event. That's true in each form of the game, of course, but there is more emphasis in Twenty20. One wide or misfield can cost you the game."

McLaren has been an invaluable addition to the Kent squad this season and played no small part in guiding the Spitfires to the finals day of the Twenty20 Cup for the first time in their history.

Ironically, McLaren probably had one of his rare off days as he looked to make an impact on the Nottinghamshire batsmen in Wednesday night's quarter-final at Trent Bridge. But it was possibly the only blip so far and one every Kent fan will overlook given his contributions during the group stages.

He will head back to South Africa at the end of the season to play for the Eagles in Bloemfontein but admits: "I would like to think long term about Kent.

"I see coming here as improving my cricket. It is a great experience playing in England and playing against top international cricketers on a regular basis.

"Some people criticise English county cricket but look at some of the players involved in it this season: the likes of Shane Warne, David Hussey, Stephen Fleming, Jacques Rudolph, Younis Khan, Jason Gillespie, Stuart Law, Muttiah Muralitharan and the list goes on.

"The standard of domestic cricket is higher here than in South Africa. There are very few international cricketers playing in South African domestic cricket. Here, you find yourself playing against several international players and that raises standards. You feel almost like you are playing at Test level."



EASY TRANSITION: Ryan McClaren has settled comfortably into English cricket

Pictures: ADY KERRY

Of course, for South Africans, Canterbury has become something of a home-away-from-home. Graham Ford's biggest impact on the club has been drafting in solid talent from his homeland.

So McLaren has found himself mixing with the likes of Andrew Hall, Neil Dexter and Martin van Jaarsveld for company and advice. Little wonder team spirit seems so high.

McLaren also admits he has found the workload quite heavy at Kent, especially as an all-rounder. Missing the injured Amjad Khan all summer, the county have looked to bowlers like McLaren to take the wickets required to keep Kent's season on track.

"Managing yourself and your season from a physical point of view is clearly an important issue," he added.

"It's no good taking 20 wickets in the first few weeks and then falling down injured. But I am aware of that and know I need to pace myself. It's the same with all the guys."

McLaren has a flat across the road from the St Lawrence Ground at Canterbury and, despite the wet summer, he has been thoroughly enjoying himself.

"It was strange really. Everyone told me April would be cold and wet and I'd struggle to adapt. They said May and June would warm up and then July would be great too.

"In fact, it has worked out the other way round. April was like high summer with warm days and good wickets. It's only since then the weather hasn't been as good!"

But when you're as popular a member of the Kent squad as McLaren has quickly become, you don't worry that much about a wet day.

The challenge, however, continues for Ryan McLaren and for Kent as they head into the second half of the summer.



Shakey's Park life

MOTORSPORT: Shane 'Shakey' Byrne will look to follow up his double podium success in Cheshire last weekend as he looks to nab some championship points at Leicestershire's Mallory Park.

Today's British Superbike series races see the Sheppey speedster, 30, looking to beat his second and third-place finishes last time out. He is fifth in the race for the title.

Sri Lanka job for Farbrace



CRICKET: Kent coach Paul Farbrace is quitting the club next month to become assistant coach of the Sri Lanka national team.

The youth and academy coach has been given a two-year deal to work alongside former New South Wales coach Trevor Bayliss who recently replaced Tom Moody in the top job.

Farbrace, 40, said: "The chance to work with Trevor in Sri Lanka is a fantastic opportunity.

"It's been a difficult decision to make because I am really enjoying my job at Kent.

"There is real talent within the Kent system and I believe there are a number of our youngsters who could make a significant impact on Kent cricket in the future. I shall be watching progress with great interest."



Duo win GB medals

ROWING: Craig Turner and Alex Torbica have become the first-ever Maidstone Invicta Rowing Club Juniors to win medals at the U16 Great Britain v France international regatta.

They triumphed at the National Water Sports Centre in Nottingham during the three-day event which took place earlier this week.

Maidstone head coach Ray Long said: "This was an outstanding performance from Craig and Alex who have been working hard for this moment for the last two years."

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FINALS DAY 'NO ROAD TO DAMASCUS'

Why Spitfires won't rake in the cash even if they win their first Twenty20 Cup



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SPIN OFF: Jon Fordham (inset) hopes the Spitfire's Twenty20 Cup finals appearance will give the county club a financial boost when next season's tournament comes around

EXCLUSIVE

By **CHRIS BRITCHER**

KENT chiefs are warning reaching finals day of the Twenty20 Cup will not provide the financial jackpot the cash-strapped county side crave.

In fact, the money Kent will earn from the jaunt to Edgbaston on August 4 will be less than a quarter of the cash they would expect to take from one Twenty20 group stage game at Canterbury.

The Spitfires fired on all cylinders on Wednesday to clinch a place in the final four as they recorded a nine-wicket win over the Nottinghamshire Outlaws at Trent Bridge.

The win booked them their first-ever place at finals day which sees the two semi-finals and the final all staged in one action-packed day of cricket.

They face neighbours Sussex in the second semi-final, with the winners of the morning's clash between Lancashire or Gloucestershire lying in wait for the conquerors.

Tickets

Fans are going to have to move fast if they want to secure one of the sought-after tickets. Each club in the semi-finals will receive just 1,500 tickets – despite Worcestershire's home ground boasting a capacity of 21,000.

Out of that figure the club must serve members, one-day season ticket holders and sponsors.

Tickets priced £45 and £55 went on sale to members on Friday – with any remaining going on public sale on Monday week – July 30.

Jon Fordham, commercial chief at Kent, told KoS: "To be honest, I've no idea what the demand from members will be like. They get priority on the tickets, but the Twenty20 Cup remains something of an unknown for us.

"My gut feeling is we'll have some available to sell to the public."

But he does not expect the short-term benefits to boost the club's finances.

He added: "I'm not getting excited that this will transform our finances this year – because it won't do that one bit.

"We'll get a very small percentage of the overall gate. No more than £8,000-10,000. Compare that to gross gate receipts of up to £50,000 for a home Twenty20 match at Canterbury, and its quite insignificant.

"Plus, you have to add in players' hotel bills for possibly three nights, a cost not originally budgeted for, so realistically the money in your hand is very little."

All the lucrative hospitality available on the day is being handled by the host county and the ECB – with Kent given no opportunity to sell money-spinning packages.

With a higher percentage of gate money coming from Wednesday night's quarter-final at Trent Bridge, the club will ironically make more money from that game than the final itself.

The ECB deliberately restricts the tickets to the host clubs as part of its policy to allow access to finals day to as many cricket fans as possible. Tickets for the Edgbaston showcase have been on sale for some while – and long before the finalists were confirmed.

But Kent's form this season will bring benefits as they finally shrug off their tag of one-day also-rans.

Fordham added: "The biggest spin-off is that it has enhanced our credibility in this competition. We have played indifferent Twenty20 for the first four seasons.

"Next year when we come to sell hospitality and advance tickets, people will hopefully recognise that we played some good cricket – so the medium term benefits will probably end up being more profitable than the short-term.

"This is not the Road to Damascus for us – but it is an interesting diversion which will lift the spirits of supporters and staff."

Meanwhile, Kent return their focus to the four-day game this weekend with today marking day three of the County Championship clash with Warwickshire.

• ***The match, at Canterbury, gets underway today at 11am.***

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Gills ready for Addicks challenge

GILLINGHAM returned to the UK after a five-day trip to France yesterday as anticipation grows ahead of next Saturday's pre-season friendly with Championship side Charlton Athletic.

And with Charlton currently enjoying the sun in Spain as part of their preparations for the new season, both will be hoping their European jaunts will put them in good form for what should be a well-attended game.

The Gills returned to the county to take on Andy Hessenthaler's Dover Athletic at the Crabble yesterday, giving fans the first chance to see Ronnie Jepson's new signings.

Meanwhile, Clint Easton has agreed terms with League Two side Hereford United.

The left-side defender and midfielder was released from Priestfield at the end of last season and was linked with a move to Edgar Street earlier this week.

The deal was finally confirmed late on Thursday. The former Watford, Norwich and Wycombe star has signed a two-year deal.

Meanwhile, a Gills youth team picked up their first pre-season win at Kent League side VCD Athletic during the week. Under assistant boss Mick Docherty they emerged 1-0 winners.

• ***Gillingham v Charlton kicks off at 3pm next Saturday.***



LEAVING: Clint Easton